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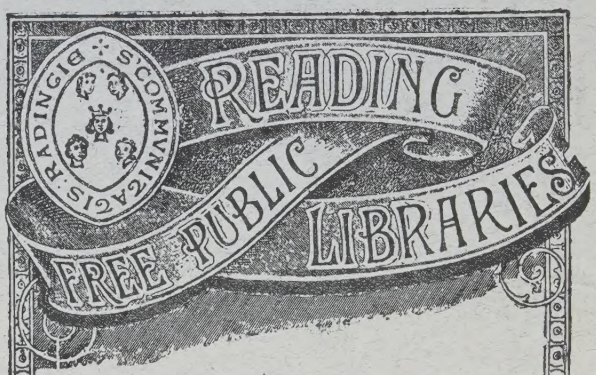

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A few instances of Grants by Patent or by individuals will be found in the Appendix to this Part.

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GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO THOMAS KNIGHT OF HOO, CO. SOUTHAMPTON, GENTLEMAN, BY CHRISTOPHER BARKER, GARTER, DATED 8TH APRIL, 1546.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 90.]

To all presente and to come which theise present letters shall se rede or here Christofer Barker esquier aŧs Garter principall King of Armes of Engleshemen sendethe due and humble recomendacion and gretenge Equitee willethe and reason ordeinethe that men vertuous and of cōmendable disposicion and lyuenge be by theire merytes and good renowne rewarded and had in perpetuall memory for theire good name, and to bee in all places of honner and woursshipp amongeste other noble parsons accepted and reputed by shewenge of certein ensignes and tokens of vertue honner and gentelnes. To the entente that by theire Insaumple other shulde the more perseuerauntly enforce themselfes to vse theire tyme in honnorable wourkes and vertuous dedes to purchase and gette the Renoume of auncient noblesse in theire ligne and posteritee. And how be yt that Thomas Knight of hoo in the county of Southampton [*sic, in MS.*]* gentelman ys descended of honneste lignaige yet neuerthelesse he beinge In certein of his very Armes and he not willenge to bere any tokens of nobillitee that shulde be preiudice to any other parson hathe required and instauntly desyred me the sayde Garter principall Kinge of Armes to ordein deuise and assigne hym armes and crest laufull and conueniente. And therefore considerenge his requeste to be Juste honneste and reasonnable, and allso by vertue power and auctoritee to myn office of principall Kinge of Armes annexed and attributed by the Kinge our souerain Lorde I haue deuised ordeined and assigned vnto and for the saide Thomas Knight gentelman the Armes and Crest w^{t} appurtenñces herafter followenge that ys to wytte *Siluer a fesse betwene iii Bewffles heddes rased sables, throughe eche of theire noses ane annelett and horned golde upon the fesse a frette betweene ii close eglettes of the felde vpon his creste an arme w^{t} a hand holdenge a swourde vnder the hiltes charnois the sleue bendy in bylleke of iiii peeces golde and gouls the swourde siluer the hiltes golde therupon ii spurrs Sables buckells and rowells golde sett vpon a wrethe siluer and Sables mantells gouls lyned siluer Bottonett golde* as more plainly apperethe depicted in this margente.† To haue and to holde vnto the saide Thomas Knight and hys posteritee w^{t} theire due difference therin to bee reuested to his honner for euermore. In wittnes whereof I the sayde garter principall Kinge of Armes as aboue sayde haue signed these presentes w^{t} myn owen hand and therunto haue seth the seale of myn office and allso the seal of myn Armes. Yeuen at London the viiith daye of Aprill In the yere of our Lorde god mvc xlvi and of the reigne of our Souuerain Lord Kinge Henry the viiith by the grace of God Kinge of Englande ffraunce and Irelande defender of the faythe, and in Earthe of the Church of Englande ffraunce and Ireland Supreme hedde y^{e} xxxviith yere.

XB aŧs Garter.

* Stowe 692, fo. 61*b*, and Harl. MS. 5846, fo. 64*b*, also have "Hoo, in the county of Southampton." On the other hand, in Harl. MS. 1544, which is for the most part written and tricked by Richard Mundy and contains (*inter alia*) a Visitation of Hampshire by Thomas Benolt, Clarenceux in 1530, the word "Southampton" has been altered to "Northampton." —[ED.]

† Trick of arms and crest in margin.—[ED.]

CONFIRMATION OF ABOVE ARMS TO WILLIAM KNIGHT OF ABTHORPE, CO. NORTHANTS, GENTLEMAN, BROTHER OF THOMAS KNIGHT, NAMED ABOVE, BY WILLIAM HERVEY, CLARENCEUX, DATED 24TH MARCH, 1565.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 183.]

Wheras Thomas Knight of Hooe in the County of Southampton Esquire one of the Clarkes of the Sygnett to King Henry theighte and vnder Treasouror of his highnes mintes had in consideracõn of his worthie seruice signes and tokens in shildes called Armes giuen and graunted vnto him and his posteritie the whiche by causuallitye of death of hym and his posteretie dyinge without yssue the sayde Armes doth eschete. Notwithstandinge that the memory of so wourthie a man as Thomas Knight was shoulde not dye in vtter oblyuion who seruyd his prince and contrey so faithfully and trewlie that he merited to leaue some token of memorye after hym which otherwise his sayde Armes shoulde remayne in obliuyon. Wheruppon in perpetuall memory of the sayde Thomas Knight I haue ratified and confirmed and by theise presentes do ratifie and confirme the said armes with thappurtenannc̃s vnto Will̃m Knighte of Abthorpe in co͂n Northampton gent brother to the aforesaide Thomas Knight and to his posteritye to vse beare and shew for euermore in shilde coate armoure or otherwise at his and theire liberty and pleasure withoute impedimente lett or interrupc̃on of any person or persons. In wyttnes wherof I haue herunto subscribed my name and sett therunto the Seale of myne office the xxiiiith of Marche 1565.

Will̃ Heruy alꝭ Clarencieux
Kinge of Armes.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO CHRISTOPHER KNIPE OF LONDON, BY WILLIAM SEGAR, GARTER, DATED 10TH NOV., 1616.

[From a 17th century folio MS. (formerly in the Aston Library) by Thos. Penson, Arms painter, now in the possession of the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher, F.S.A.]

To all & Singular p̣sons to whom thes p'nts shall Come Wm. Segar Garter principall King of Armes sendeth greeting Knowe ye that antiently from the beginning it hath been a Custome in all Kingdoms & Comon Wealths well gouerned that the bearing of Certaine markes in shields (Comonly called Armes) have been & are the only signes & demonstracons either of prowes & valour in tymes of warr or of good Lyfe and Conversation in tymes of Peace being diuersely distributed According to the qualities & deserts of the p̣sons demeriting the same. Amongst w^{ch} Nomber I find Christopher Knipe of London the son of James Knipe of Warton in the County of Lancaster gent. to be one who beareth for his Coat-Armour *Gules two barrs Argent & In chiefe three Wolves heads Coupee of the same:* & Wanting further for an ornam̃t unto his said Coat a Convenient

Crest or Cognisanz ffit to be bourne, hath requested me the said Garter to appoynt him such a one as he may Lawfully beare w^th^ out Wrongdoing or preiudice to any ꝑson or ꝑsons the which according to his request I have accomplished & granted in manner & forme following videt.—*on an healme & wreath of his coulers a Wolves head Argent shott through the Neck with a brode arowe Or* as in the margent* is depicted. All which Armes & Crest I the said Garter do by thes ꝑ^nts^ Ratify Confirme & Grant unto the said Christopher Knipe & to his issue for ever And that it shalbe Lawefull for him & them to use beare & shew forth the same In Ensigne, Signett, Coat Armour, or otherwise at his & their Liberty & pleasure with their due differences according to the Laws of Armes. In wittness wheroff I y^e^ said Garter have heereunto sett my hand & seale of office the 10^th^ day of November A^o^ 1616 in the 14^th^ yeare of the Raigne of our souraigne Lord James by the grace of God King of Great Brittaine France & Ireland defender of the ffayth &c.

Wm. Segar Garter principall
King of Armes.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO ANTHONY KNOT, RECTOR OF WHITCHURCH, CO. SOUTHAMPTON, GENTLEMAN, AND TO THE ISSUE OF ANTHONY KNOT, HIS FATHER, BY SIR RICHARD ST. GEORGE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 15TH APRIL, 1632.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 212.]

To all and singular vnto whom theis p^r^sents shall come. S^r^ Richard S^t^ George Knight alias Clarenceux King of Armes of all the South East and West parts of the Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent, Sendeth his due Comendations and greeting. Know ye that wheras auntiently it hath ben a costome, and to this day is continued that all Estates and degrees are knowne each from other by sundry markes and ensignes called Armes, which are euident demonstrations of the worthynes of the bearers therof atcheiued either by their Valour in the feild in tymes of warr, or by their Virtuous endeuours in the Co̅mon Wealth in tymes of Peace, wherby they might be distinguished from the vulger of people, and receiue due honor in their Lives and also deriue the same to theire issue and posteritie after their deaths for euer. Forasmuch as Anthony Knot Rector of Whitchurch in the Countie of Southampton gent. hath requested me to blason and set forth such armes and creast as he may lawfully beare without doeing wrong to any other familie, Wherfore taking into consideration his worth and Learning, I haue accomplished his most just and Lawfull desires herein And therfore I do hereby publish and declare that he may Lawfully beare theis Armes & Creast following (that is to say) *Sable a Kay erected or betweene two pales erminoys, And for a Creast on a Helmet, & Cap Sable turned vp Argent an Eagles head betweene two Wings Or, Mantled gules doubled Argent* as in the margent† herof more Liuely are depicted, which Armes and

* Rough tricks of arms and crest in Harl. MSS. 6140, fo. 77, and 5887, fo. 115.—[Ed.]

† Trick of Arms and crest in margin.—[Ed.]

Creast and euery parte & parcell therof I the said Clarenceux King of Armes by power & authority giuen me vnder the great Seale of England, doe by theis p^rsents allowe giue and grant vnto the said Anthony Knot and to his issue and posterity, and to the issue and posterity of Anthony Knot his father obseruing their due differences for euer more. In witnes wherof I haue hereunto fixed the Seale of myne office and subscribed my name the 15^th^ day of Aprill in the yeare of o^r^ Lord God 1632.

[Harl. MS. 6179, which is a book containing the arms of families belonging to divers counties, probably by the Dethicks, has, at fo. 26, a trick of the above arms as belonging to "Deputy Knott, Deputy of Breadstreet Ward 1673 and M^r^ of y^e^ 3 Cupps Inn in Inn-holders' Hall," with the following note in another hand written above: "A patt. of this Coate & Crest to Antony Knott Rector of Whitchurch in hamshire & to y^e^ issue of Antony Knot his father, y^e^ 15^th^ Aprill 1832 S^r^ Rich. S^t^ George Clarenceux."—ED.]

GRANT OF ARMS TO JONE KYRKBY, WIFE OF SIR WILLIAM LAXTON, KNT., MAYOR (1544) OF LONDON, AND DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM KYRKBY, BY THOMAS HAWLEY, CLARENCEUX, DATED 20TH JULY, 1556.

[Harl. MS. 1116, fo. 46.]

To all nobles and gentles these present ỻres Redinge hering or seing Thom̃ Hawley alȧs Clarentieulx principall herauld and King of Armes of the South east and west partes of this Realme of England from the Ryu^r^ of trent Southward, sendeth dew and humble comendasions gretyng, Equitę wylleth and raison ordeneth, that every ꝑson of Com̃endable disposition and vertuous lyvinge be by theire merites good fame and renome, rewarded in this mortall lyff so bryef and transitorye and to be in all places of honno^r^ amonngst other Renowmed and taken by certene ensignes that is to say Armes to thyntent that by there ensamples other may the more inforce them selves to vse there lyves in honorable werkes and dedes vertuous to get the renowme of Auncient nobles, and therefore I the said Clarentieulx King of armes not alonly by the com̃on Renome but also by the report and wytnes of dyu^o^se worth, to be taken of worde and credence, amplenely adu^o^tysed and enformed that lady Jone wyff vnto S^r^ Wiłłm Laxston Knight and alderman of london some tyme mayre of the same Citie, and dought^o^ of Wiłłm Kyrkby, hath always vertuously dyscretly and worshipfully vsed her selff that she is well worthye to be in all places of worship accepted nombred and taken in the nomber of company of other gentles and nobles, and for the remembrannce of the same, by the vertue authoritie and power annexed, attrybued geven and graunted to me and to my offyce of Clarentieulx King of Armes by expresse wordes vnder the most noble grete seale have devysed geven & graunted to the said ladȳ Jone a lozenge w^t^ Armes in mann^o^ as hereafter folõeth, that is to say *sylu^r^ a cheu^o^on cheque geuls and sable on eu^r^ sable an ermyne sylu^r^, bet' iii merletes geules, a border Ingreled v^r^t* as more plenely apereth depicted in this margent* to have and to holde to her and to her issu and that to vse for evermore.

* No trick of arms in margin.—[ED.]

In wytnes whereof I the said Clarentieulx have signed these patentes w^t my hand and set there vnto the seale of myne Armes w^t the sele of my offyce of Clarentieulx Kyng of Armes, yeven and graunted at London the xx^th day of July in the second & thryd yeres of ye Raignes of Phelip and Mary by the grace of god, King & quene of England Spayn ffraunce, bothe Syselles, Jerusalem and Ireland, defendors of the fayth archedukes of Austrye Dukes of Myllayne, Burguny & brabant, Countes of hauspurdg, fflandrs and Tyroll.

p Clarentieulx Hawley
King of Armes.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO SIR RICHARD LANE OF TULSKE, CO. ROSCOMMON, IRELAND, KNIGHT AND BARONET, BY SIR EDWARD WALKER, GARTER, DATED 6TH APRIL, 1661. [Harl. MS. 1052, fo. 210.]

To all and singular unto whome these presents shall come S^r Edward Walker Knight Garter principall King of Armes of Englishmen sendeth greeting whereas S^r Richard Lane of Tulske in y^e County of Roscoman in the Kingdome of Ireland Knight and Baronett; hath in y^e late rebellion in that Kingdome been most faithfull and Loyall to the Crowne of england, and in all occasions and imployments promoted the interest thereof, and therein pursued the steps of his father George Lane Esq^e (who went Captaine of a foot Company in ireland against the rebells in y^e time of the late queene Elizabeth of happy memory, wherein he did very signall and considerable service) which George Lane was second sonne of Henry Lane of Coworth in the County of Berkes by Anne Norris his wife Cousin German vnto S^r John Norris then generall of y^e forces in ireland; which family of lane hath allso for divers descents possessed y^e mannor of Cowarth aforesaid And whearas i find that the Coate heareafter mentioned hath antiently belonged to him and his Family I the said S^r Edward walker knight Garter principall king of Armes by the power and authority annexed vnto my office of Garter doe hereby declare, that the said S^r Richard Lane Knight and Baronett may and shall lawfully use and beare the coate of Armes heareafter mentioned: vizt *Argent a lion Rampant Gules Langued and armed Azure within a bordure Sable* as the proper Armes of His family, To which I have assigned him to beare for his Crest *upon an[d] Helmet proper Mantled Gules Doubled Argent, A Demi-griphon sable langued and Armed gules winged Argent out of a Ducall Crowne or,* as in the Margent hereof more lively is depicted. The which Coate of Armes and Crest the said S^r Richard Lane and the severall descendants of his Body for ever (bearing there due and proper differences) may and shall lawfully use, beare, and set forth in sheild, Coate, Armour, Pennon, Seale or otherwise at all times and upon all occasions w^tout the lett or interuption of any pson or psons whatever in witness wherof I have heareunto subscribed my name and affixed y^e seale of my office this sixth day of Aprill in the thirtteenth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne lord charles y^e second by the grace of god King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland defender of y^e faith and cæ: Annoqȝ Dom. 1661.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN LANGLEY, GENTLEMAN, CITIZEN, AND FISHMONGER, OF LONDON, BY SIR RICHARD ST. GEORGE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 4TH JUNE, 1632.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 33.]

To all & singuler as well Nobles & gents as others to whome theise ꝑntes shall come to be seene Rich. S^{t} George, K^{t} als Clarenc: principall herauld & King of Armes of all the South East and West parts of the Realme of England from the river of Trent, sendeth greeting in our Lord God everlasting. Know yee that aunciently from the beginning it hath beene a custom and to this day is continued that all estates and degrees have beene and are knowne each from other by sundry markes & signes called Armes, whereby they might not only bee distinguished from the vulgar sorte of people, but also demonstrated the worthines which the bearers thereof had acheived, either by their valour in the feild in the tyme of warr, or by their vertuous endeavours in the cõmonwealth in the tyme of peace, w^{ch} order as it was most prudently devised in the beginning to stirr and kindle the hearts of men to the Imitacõn of vertue & noblenesse, even so it hath beene and yet is continually observed to the ende that such as have done cõmendable service to their Prince or contrey might receave due honour in their lives and also derive the same successively to theire posteritye after their deaths forever And being required by John Langley, gent: cittizen & fishmõnger of London, to make search in the Registers & Recordes of myne office for such Armes & Creast as he may lawfully beare (whose Ancestours came forth of Lancashire) whereupon at his request I have made search accordinglie & do find that he may lawfully beare the Armes & Creast herafter followinge, that is to saye—*party ꝑ pale Argent & Or, a cockatrice his wings expansed sables, his beake or, crested watled & legged gules,* and for the Creast *on a helme a cockatrice head sable, beaked or, creasted & watled gules issuing out of a crown murall ꝑted ꝑ pale argent & or: mantled gules doubled argent,* as more plainly appeareth in the margent* depicted. The w^{ch} Armes & Creast & every ꝑt & ꝑcell therof I the saide King of Armes by power and authoritye to mee committed under the great seale of England doe by theise p'sents ratifie confirme allow give & grant unto & for the above said John Langley & to his Posteritye wth theire due differences for ever to use beare & show forth the same in Shield ensigne signet Coate Armour or otherwise at his & theire free liberty & pleasure without Interrupcion of any pson or psons whatsoever.

In Witness wherof I have herunto sett my hand & seale 4th June 1632, 8 K. Char.

[The following Certificates are taken from MSS. Ashm. 858, p. 125.]

11: Aug: 1663.

Exhibited at Wellington in Com: Salop: by M^{r} John Langley Vicar of that Church.

These are to Certifie that M^{r} William Langley Minister of the Gospell & late of Lichfield is a person well knowne to vs, who is descended of a younger

* Trick, with colours, in margin.—[Ed.]

Brother of the family of Sr Robert Langley of Edgecrofte in the County of Lancaster, wch said family ended in heires female married to seuᵃall Gentlemen of good quality in this Countrie. That the Grandfather of the said William was Mr William Langley Parson of Prestwich, who had five Sons vizt: Deodatus, John, Mathias (father of the aforesaid William) William & James; who were ꝑsons of good repute, & of a very auncient family, the truth of wch we testifie vnder our handſ Septemb the eight 1656.

Richard Holland
Robert Holte
Alexander Butterworth
Isaack Allen Rector of Prestwich
Pet: Heywood.

Sr:

Touching your Ancestours: we certify, that your father Mr Mathias Langley, an Officer of Trust, under the Right hoble Wiłłm Earle of Derby, was the third son of Mr William Langley Rector of Prestwich in the County Pallatine of Lancaster, which William was sonne of . . . . . and brother to Mr Robert Langley of Manchester, who was the onely surviving heire male of that Auncyent family of the Langleys of Agecroft; whereof Sr Robert Langley Kt was the last of that name that was Lord and owner of Agecroft, he leaving the same to his fower daughters.

And we fynde that your Grandfather, in his Coate Armour, did beare quarterly:

In the first, *Argent, a Basiliske wings displayed sable, comb, and membred Gules.*

The second, *Gules, a Syren of the first Crined and Com' or.*

The third as the second.

The last as the first.

His Crest *a Basiliske, wings displayed sable Comb and membred Gules upon a Torce of his Colours, with difference of a Mullet.*

Extracted out of ancyent Records the fourth day of Septembr in the yeare of our Lord God 1656, by us

Isaack Allen Rector of Prestwich
Peter Heywood
Alex: Butterworth
Tho: Heape señ an observer of ancyent Monuments & Pedigrees.

To the Reverend Mr William Langley Minister of Gods Word at Litchfeild.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO SIR JOHN LEAKE, KNT., REAR-ADMIRAL OF GREAT BRITAIN, BY SIR HENRY ST. GEORGE, GARTER, AND JOHN VANBURGH, CLARENCEUX, DATED 16TH APRIL, 1713.

[From MS. in possession of Harleian Society.]

To All and Singular, to whom these Presents shall come S^r^ Henry St. George, Knight, Garter Principal King of Arms, and John Vanbrugh, Esqr. Clarenceux, King of Arms send Greeting, Whereas S^r^ John Leake, Knight, Rere-Admiral of Great Britain, Admiral and Commander in Chief of Her Majestie's Fleet, and one of the Lord's Commissioner's for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland &c. son of Captain Richard Leake of Woolwich in the County of Kent, deceased, sometime Master Gunner of England hath signified unto the Rt. Hon^ble^ Henry Earl of Suffolk and Bindon one of the Lords of her Majestie's most Honble. Privy Council and Deputy (with the Royal Approbation) to his Grace Thomas Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshall and Hereditary Marshall of England That his said Father and Himself had borne and used for their Arms *nine Annulets upon a Saltire engrailed* as their proper Arms but that the said S^r^ John Leake being doubtfull of his just Right thereto and whether he might continue to bear the said Arms without lawful Authority had desired his Lordship's warrant to Us for Assigning and confirming the aforesaid Arms to him and his descendants, varied or diversified, as the case might require and also to devise a proper Crest to be borne with the said Arms. And whereas it is very manifest that the said S^r^ John Leake, hath performed many great and signal services for the Honour of his Country, since her Majestie's happy accession to the Crown, particularly in the year 1702, when with a squadron of men of War under his command He took 29 French merchant ships, and burnt 22 more, besides all ye fishing boats and stages at Trapassi, St. Marie's Colonet, great & little St. Laurences, and the Island of St. Peters, at the entrance into Fortune-Bay, being all very considerable Settlements of the French in Newfoundland, for which good service upon his return, her Majesty as a mark of her Royal Favour, conferred on him the Honour of Knighthood, And the following year very eminently distinguished himself in the Sea-fight off Malaga wherein Sir Cloudesley Shovel and he commanded the Van of the Confederate Fleet against that of France, after which being left at Lisbon with a squadron of English and Dutch men of War and having notice that the French & Spaniards had besieged Gibraltar both by land and sea, he fitted out his squadron, and sailed thither with so much speed that he not only succoured and relieved that important place, reduced to great extremity, but took and destroyed several of the enemies ships which had not time to get out of the harbour. Nor had his good conduct less success when he went a second [*sic*] to the Relief of that garrison before which he found a French Squadron commanded by Monsieur Pointi while the enemy pressed it very much by their attacks at Lards; he defeated Monsieur Pointi, took three of his squadron and forced him to run His own Ship and another on shore, near Marbella, where they were both burnt by their own people. After which defeat the besiegers drew

off from before the place; and turned the Siege into an insignificant blockade only to hinder the excursions of the Garison: Also in the year 1706 the said Sr. John Leake being then Vice-Admiral of the White Squadron, and Commander in Chief of the confederate Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea, he happily relieved King Charles the third of Spain (now Emperour) at that time besieged in the City of Barcelona (the place of his residence) by the French Fleet, by sea, and a numerous Army of French and Spaniards by land who had made themselves Masters of Fort-Montjuich and were preparing to give a general assault to the body of the place just at the time when the Confederate Fleet arrived within sight thereof upon which Count Tholouse, great Admiral of France retired in the night with the French Fleet out of that Harbour, and in three days after, the enemy raised the Siege by land leaving behind them vast quantities of Artillery, Ammunition and Provisions, by means whereof his Catholick Majesty and his faithful Catalons were delivered from falling into the hands of their enemies For which eminent and remarkable services the said Sir John Leake highly meriting to have such Arms & Crest conferred on him as may in some measure denote his valiant actions to posterity, the aforesaid Earl of Suffolk and Bindon, did by Warrant or Order under his hand and seal bearing date the 4th day of this instant April, Order and appoint Us to devise such Arms and Crest for the said Sir John Leake, as may denote to posterity his services as aforesaid (and also with respect to the said Arms which he and his said father have formerly varied or diversified as the case may require) and (after his Lordships consent to, and approbation thereof) assign the same unto the said Sr. John Leake and his descendants, according to the Laws of Arms. Know Ye therefore that We the said Garter and Clarenceux, in pursuance of the said Earl of Suffolk and Bindon's Consent signified as aforesaid and by virtue of the Letters Patent of Our Offices to each of Us respectively granted under the great Seal of England have devised, and (with his Lordship's approbation) do by these Presents grant & assign unto the aforesaid Sir John Leake the Arms and Crest hereafter mentioned, vizt:—*Or, upon a saltire engrailed Azure, 8 annulets Argent, in a canton gules a castle triple towered of the third:* and for his Crest, *On a wreath Or and gules, a ship-carriage, and thereon a piece of Ordnance mounted all Proper,* as in the margin hereof is more plainly depicted, to be borne and used for ever hereafter by him the said Sir John Leake, and the heirs and other descendants of his body lawfully begotten with their due and proper differences according to the usuage of Arms, without lett or interruption In Witness whereof We the said Garter and Clarenceux, Kings of Arms, have to these Presents set Our Names, and affixed the Seals of Our respective Offices this 16th day of April, in the 12th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Anne, by the grace of God, (Queen) of Great Britain, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith &c. Anno Domini 1713.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO STEPHEN MARTIN-LEAKE OF BEDINGTON, CO. SURREY, AND OF THORPE HALL, CO. ESSEX, ESQ., BY JOHN ANSTIS, GARTER, AND SIR JOHN VANBURGH, CLARENCEUX, DATED 19TH FEB., 1721–2.

[From MS. in possession of Harleian Society.]

To All and Singular, to whom these presents shall come John Anstis, Esq. Garter Principal King of Arms, and S^r^ John Vanbrugh, Knt. Clarenceux King of Arms, send Greeting, Whereas Stephen Martin, of Bedington in the County of Surrey, of Mile End, Old Town, in the County of Middlesex, and of Thorpe Hall in the County of Essex, Esqr. hath humbly represented to his Majesty that S^r^ John Leake, Knt. late Rear Admiral of Great Britain, Admiral and Commander in Chief of Her late Majesty Queen Anne's Fleet and one of the Comm^rs^ for Executing the Office of Lord High-Admiral of Great Britain &c. did some years before his Death make his Will & therein settle his Estate upon him the said Stephen Martin and his heirs forever. And afterwards express his intention that the said Stephen Martin, and such his heirs should take the Surname and Arms to continue a Memorial of the said S^r^ John Leake for Ever, which said Arms by his death become extinct. And whereas his Majesty hath been graciously pleased to allow the same by Warrant under the Signet and Sign Manuel dated at St. James's the Nineteenth day of December last, further signing his Royal Will and pleasure to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Henry Earl of Berkshire, Deputy (with the Royal Approbation) to the Most Noble Thomas Duke of Norfolk, Earl-Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England, Requiring and commanding that the said Arms be duely exemplified and assigned to him the said Stephen Martin by the name of Leake, to be born either single or in the first place quarterly with the Arms of Martin, Know ye that We the said Garter and Clarenceux in pursuance of his said Majesty's pleasure signified unto Us, under the Hand and Seal of the said Earl of Berkshire the twenty-sixth day of the same Month and by virtue of the Letters Patent of Our Offices to Us respectively granted under the Great Seal do by these Presents Exemplyfy and assign unto the said Stephen Martin-Leake the Arms and Crest hereafter mentioned, Viz. *the Coat of Leake, Or, Upon a Saltire engrailed Azure eight Annulets Argent, in a Canton Gules, a Castle triple Towered of the third.* And for the Crest, *On a Wreath of the Colours a Ship Carriage and thereon a piece of Ordnance mounted all proper. To be born and used either single or in the first place Quarterly with these Arms Paly of Six Or and Azure, on a chief Gules, three Marleons* [*Merlins*] *of the first,* by the name of Martin, as the same are in the Margin hereof more plainly depicted, which said Arms and Crest the said Stephen Martin-Leake and the heirs and other descendants of his body lawfully begotten, shall and may at all times shew forth with their due Differences according to his Majesty's pleasure expressed in his said warrant and the Laws of Arms. In Witness whereof We the said Garter and Clarenceux, Kings of Arms, have to these Presents subscribed our Names and affixed the Seals of Our several Offices the Nineteenth day of February in the eighth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith &c. Anno Domini 1721.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS TO THOMAS LEE OF LONDON, GENTLEMAN, BY WILLIAM FLOWER, NORROY, DATED 25TH OCT., 1583.

[MS. Ashm. 844, fo. 56.]

Omnibus et singulis tam Regibus ad Arma siue Heraldis, quam nobilibus cæterisque hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Guillelmus Flower armiger aliter dictus Norroy Rex Armorum et principalis Heraldus partium Orientalium, Occidentalium et Borealium regni Angliæ vltra ripam fluuij de Trent, Salutem optat in Domino sempiternam. Qvvm generosus vir Thomas Lee de ciuitate Londonensi, ex veteri sui cognominis prosapia in Cestrensi Palatinatu oriundus, filius scilicet Henrici Lee, qui fuit filius Roberti Lee, filij Johannis Lee fratris iunioris Ricardi Lee de Lee in eodem Cestrensi Comitatu, me præfatum Norroy Regem Armorum obnixè rogauerit, vt antiqua generis sui Arma siue insignia gentilicia, iuxta veram Heraldicæ artis disciplinam ei significarem verbisque conceptis describerem. Ego quidem ad id exequendum quod est officij mei non solum paratus, sed etiam viro tam generoso gratificari cupiens, antiquis et autenticis Officij mei registris euolutis diligenterque perlustratis, avita ac propria familiæ suæ Arma siue insignia, à maioribus suis hactenus vsitata, inveni, et in forma quæ sequitur describenda curaui: Videlicet *in Scuto argenteo tignum siue capitale signum (quod vulgo dicitur vng cheucron) ingradatum, inter tria Leopardorum capita sabulina, Quibus ad secundi fratris differenciam in summitate tigni crescentis lunæ forma aurea adhibetur.* Et ne rei tam memoria dignæ cognitio diutius delitesceret, ne ve temporis iniuria, seu alia quauis occasione, nouæ inquisitionis materia denuò præbeatur, Arma siue insignia prædicta pro pleniori noticia magis ad viuum in margine præsentium delineanda depingendaque curaui. Quæ quidem insignia clypei antiqua ego prænominatus Norroy Rex Armorum, virtute et authoritate functionis et officij mei à reginali Maiestate mihi in hac parte concessæ, dicto Thomæ Lee posterisque suis addixi, tradidi, et imperpetuum confirmaui. Habenda, vtenda, gerenda, et ostendenda honoris gratia quibuscunque loco et tempore pro eorum arbitrio, aliquo impedimento, contradictione, aut prohibitione, id vt ne fieri possit, non obstante. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium, ego Norroy Rex Armorum predictus hijs præsentibus manu mea propria subscripsi, et appensione sigilli officij mei prædicti, præsens hoc diploma corroboraui. Datum Londini 25 die Octobris Anno Christi Redemptoris nostri 1583 regni vero Serenissimæ Reginæ Elizabethæ quinto atque vicesimo.

GRANT OF SUPPORTERS TO SIR FRANCIS LEEKE, KNIGHT AND BARONET, BARON DEINCOURT OF SUTTON, CO. DERBY, BY SIR WILLIAM SEGAR, GARTER, DATED 14TH NOV., 1627.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 30.]

To all and singular Persons as well Nobles as others to whome this present writing shall come Sir William Segar Knight alias Garter principall King of Armes sendeth his dew Salutationes and Greeting Know yee that whereas the

right honirable S^r^ ffrancis Leeke Knight and Barronet created by our Soueraigne Lord King James Baron Deincourt of Sutton in the County of Derbye by his Ma^tles^ Letters Pattents vnder the greate seale of England doth and may apeere, hath requested me the sayde Garter to graunt assigne and set forth in Collors to his Lord shipps vse supporters as in Herauldry they are caled to support and sustayne for ornament his l'ps paternall coate Armors togeather with his right honorable Lady being a Cary, as in like cases are accoustom'y vsed and frequented by the barrons and other nobles of this Realm of England. In Consideration whereof and according to his letters Request I the sayd garter haue by vertue and power of myne office wherein I am Interested to serue and obserue the Nobility of this Kingdome Established and ordayned that his L'ps sheilde of Armes Adorned w^th^ an Open helme Crest and Mantles, as they are depicted in the margent;* shall be supported and borne vpp by *towe Angells inuested in like habet the wings displayed*, the w^ch^ supporters I the sayde garter do by thes presents gyue grant Ratyfie and conferme vnto the sayde Right honirable S^r^ ffrancis Leeke barron deincourt of Sutton and to his heires males of his body lawfull begotten to vse bare and shew forth the same in Seales sheildes Ensignes banners Coate Armors or otherwyse at all tymes and in all playces at his and there ffree Liberty and pleasure, w^th^ the 14 day of Nouember in the 3 yeare of the Raigne of our soueraigne Lord Charles by the grace of god.

William Segar Garter.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO SIR RALPH LEYCESTER OF THE MANOR OF THE TOFTES, CO. CEST., KNT., BY GILBERT DETHICK, NORROY, DATED 15TH MAY, 2 EDWARD VI (1548).

[Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 445.]

To all nobles & Gentells these p^r^sent letters reading heareing and seeing Gilbert Dethicke a^ls^ Norry principall Herauld & King of Armes of the North parts of this Realme of England from the riuer of Trent Northward sendeth due & humble Comendacons & greeting Equity Willeth and reason ordaineth that men vertuous & of noble Courage be by their Merritts & good renowne rewarded not alonly their psons in this Mortall Life soe breife & transitory but alsoe after them those that shalbe of their bodies be discended to be in all places of honor with other Nobles and gentells accepted & taken by certeyne Ensignes & Demonstracons of honor & noblesse to ye End that by their Ensamples others may the more Enforce themselues to haue perseuerance to vse their daies in feates of Armes & workes vertuous to get ye renowne of Antient Noblesse in their Leignes & posterities and therefore I the said Norry King of Armes as aboue said not alonly by the Comon renown but alsoe by the reporte

* In margin a trick of arms: *Argent, on a saltire engrailed sable nine annulets of the first, impaling argent, on a bend sable three roses of the field* (for Cary). Crest: *A peacock's tail erect, the plume displayed proper, supported by two eagles* (*doves* on fo. 42 of Harl. 1470), *with wings expanded or.* Supporters: *Two angels habited and winged or* (*vested in dalmatiques or Levite habits*—Add. MS. 12225, fo. 69*b*). Motto: *Da gloriam Deo in Excelsis.* Another copy of the grant, with trick in colours, on fo. 42 of Harl. MS. 1470.—[Ed.]

and witnes of Diuers worthy to be taken of word & Credence am plainely advertised and Informed that S^r^ Ralph Leicester of ye mannor of ye Toftes in the County of Chester Kn^t^ is discended of an house vndefamed & hath of Long tyme vsed himselfe soe worshipfully & discreetly that he hath well deserued to be in all places of hono^r^ with other Nobles & Gentells accepted and taken by certeyne Ensignes and demonstracons of hono^r^ & noblesse that is to say Blazen healme & Timbre and therefore for the remembrance of the same I the said Norry King of Armes by the Vertue Authority and power annexed attributed giuen and granted by the King our Soũaigne Lords highnes by Expresse words vnder his most noble great seale to me & to my Office of Norry King of Armes haue Ordained giuen and granted to the said Ralph Leycester Knight the Armes and Creast in manner as hereafter followeth (that is to say) *Sable on a fesse Engrailed betweene three falcons Siluer volant beaked gould a lyons head Caboache asure Langued, & eared betweene two Cupps couered gules vpon his healme, a Torce siluer and sable, a Roe Buck p'ty and pale gould and gules horned of the second holding in his mouth an Acorne Branch stalked & leaued vert mantled gules doubled siluer,** as more plainely appeareth depicted in this Margent To haue and to hold vnto the said Ralph Leycester for him and his posterity, and they that to vse and Enjoy to their hono^rs^ for euermore In witnes whereof I the said Norry King of Armes abouesaid haue signed these p^r^sents with myne owne hand and sett to the seale of my Armes with the seale of my office of Norry King of Armes giuen and granted at London the 15^th^ day of May in the second yeare of the Raigne of our Soũaigne Lord Edward the sixth by the grace of God King of England ffrance and Ireland the Supreame head.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN LIDDYATE OF WALSALL, CO. STAFF., BY RICHARD ST. GEORGE, NORROY, DATED 19TH OCT., 1614.

[Harl. MS. 1380, fo. 26.]

To all and singular as well nobles and gentles as others to whom these p^r^sents shall come, I Rich: St. George Esquire Norroy King of Armes of y^e^ north part of the Realme of England greeting, Forasmuch as it hath alwayes bin a Rule in all well Gouerned Cõmon wealthes very Requsit to grãte & Giue Credit to the Vertuous & well deserueing as well for y^e^ Incoragement of others to follow theire stepps in all honorable Actions & Heroicall vertues as alsoe to distinguish the base and vnworthy from men of good merit by Appropriating vnto themselues & their descendants sõm signe or marke of Honour Comonly called Armes, & because y^e^ Just Reward of vertue is Honour, & to detaine Aduice where there is Just Cause to yeeld it were moore Iniustis beeing therefore Required by John Liddyate of Chest hall [Walsall—ED.] in the County of Stafford to Ranke him in that Society of men of worth And alsoe findeing him to be a man of such desart as he well deserueth to be Accompanied within

* The arms usually borne were: *Azure, a fesse Gules fretty or between three fleur-de-lys of the last.* Crest: *A roebuck trippant per pale or and gules, attired of the second, holding in his mouth an oak branch proper* (MS. Ashm. 1138, fo. 89, and Harl. MS. 1535, fo. 19*b*).—[ED.]

that number, wherefore th premises Considered, I haue though fit to Confirme vnto him these Armes Ensueing, vizt: *Gules a Fess Erminoys betweene three wolfes heads Cooped Or:* And for his Creast *on A wreath of his Collours A Wolfes head Erazed party p' pale Erminoys & gules* As more plainely Appeareth in the Margent the which Armes & Creast I the said Norroy King of Armes doe giue graunt & Ratifie & Confirme vnto y^e^ said John Liddyat & to the descendants of his body for euer beareing theire due differences; In Witness whereof I haue put my hand & seale of mine office dated the 19^th^ day of October in y^e^ 12 yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord James by the grace of god King of great Brittain france & Ireland defender of the faith Anno Domini 1614.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO DANIEL DE LINGNE OF HARLAXTON, CO. LINCOLN, ESQ., BY WILLIAM CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX, DATED [20TH JAN., 1619 (Harl. MS. 6095, fo. 42)]. [Cotton MS. Faustina, E. I, fo. 5.]

To all and singuler as well Nobles and gentlemen as others to whom these presents shall come, W^m^ Camden Esquire alias Clarencieux principall Herauld and King of Armes of the Este West and South partes of England from the Ryver of Trent Southwards Sendeth greetinge; For as much as aunciently from the begininge the vertuous Actes of worthy p̄sons haue beene co̅mended to the worlde with sundry Monnuments and Remembrances of theire good desertes. Amongest w^ch^ the chiefest and most vsuall hath byne the bearinge of Signes and Tokens in Shields diuersly distributed accordinge to the quallitie and desertes of the p̄sons merytinge the same, w^ch^ order as it was most prudently devised at the first to stirre vp and enflame the hartes of coragious men to the emitac̃on of vertue and Noblenes, even so hath the same beene contynued from tyme to tyme, to the entent, that such as haue done comendable seruice to theire Prince or Countrye eyther in warre or peace, might receiue due honour in theire lyues and contynue the same successiuely to theire posteritie for ever And beinge required by Daniell de Lingne of Harlaxton in the Countye of Lincolne Esquire to make search in the Registers of my Office for the auncient Armes of the familye of De Lingne in Henault from which he the said Daniell Deriueth him selfe (That is to say sonne of Anthony de Ligne sonne of John de Ligne of Valenzine [in] the Province of Henault) and the same to delyuer vnto him vnder my hand and Seale of office whose request beinge reasonable, I haue made search accordinglye, and doe fynde by dyuers aunciente Bookes of good creadite remayninge in the office of Armes that the said auntiente armes of De Lingne is *gules a chiefe checque argent and azur over all a bende d'or* [these last two words have been interposed in the MS.—Ed.]. And for that I fynde noe Creast or Cognizance proplye belonginge to the same, as to many aunciente Armes there is none, Hee the said Daniell De Lingne hath further also requested me the said Clarencieux to asigne and deliuer vnto him such a Creast or Cognizance as he might laufully beare and vse without preiudice or offence of any other whose

request beinge reasonable, I the said Clarencieux haue asigned geuen and graunted vnto the said Daniell De Lingne for his Creast or Cognizance as followeth vidz: *on a Torce d'or and gules a mounte verte, theron a Lyon seiante gardante d'or tenant in his dexter pawe a Galthroppe proper, manteled gules dubled argente* as more playnly appeareth depicted in the margente* hereof, which Armes and Creast I the said Clarencieux King of Armes by powers and authorytie to me committed by ltrs Patence vndor the great Seale of England, doe by these presents ratifie confirme geue and graunte vnto the said Daniell de Lingne and to his posteritie for ever, and hee and they and everye of them the same to vse, beare, enioye and shew fourth at all tymes and in all places heereafter where soever accordinge to the Lawes of Armes wthout lett or interuption of any ꝑson or ꝑsons what so ever. In witnes whereof I the said Clarencieux haue heerevnto subscribed my Name and sett my Seale of Office, as also the Comon Seale of the generall office of Armes &c.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO MICHAEL LOCK OF [? ASHTON GIFFORD, CO. WILTS., AND STOWECLIFFE, CO. HANTS.], BY SIR GILBERT DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 5TH JULY 1 AND 2 PHILIP AND MARY, 1555. [*Latin.*]

[Harl. MS. 1116, fo. 45*b*.]

To all faithful in Christ, these present letters seeing, reading or hearing, Gilbert Dethicke, Knight, alias Garter, Principal King of Arms, greeting with due and humble commendation.

Equity demands and reason orders that men of virtuous and praiseworthy disposition and of honourable life be for their merits honoured and rewarded, not only in their own persons in this short and transitory life, but, after them those procreated from their bodies, in every place of honour by certain signs, marks and examples of virtue and honour, and with the intention that by their example others shall be induced to use their life in most renowned works and deeds by which the fame of nobility has of old been acquired and obtained. And therefore I, the aforesaid King of Arms, being verily instructed and informed not only by the common fame but also by the testimony of certain noble men worthy of belief, that the noble man, Michael Locke comes of an ancient and noble family bearing arms or insignia in this manner and form as is declared in French, that is: *per pale counterchanged azure and or, of six pieces, on each pale azure a falcon or:* for his crest, *on a wreath argent and gules a falcon holding in his beak a padlock or, mantellé gules, lined argent,* as appears in the shield here in the margin depicted, which same arms to you all I make note and attest to the same Michael belong by right & to his ancestors from ancient times have belonged, as the same in my registers in the form aforesaid, find inserted.

In witness whereof the seal of my arms, together with the seal of my office of King of Arms, to these presents I have put and with my own hand subscribed.

* A trick in the margin. The arms are sometimes blazoned *Or, a chief chequy argent and azure, over all a bend gules,* and sometimes *Or, a bend gules, a chief chequy argent and azure.*—[ED.]

Given at London, 5th day of July, in the [*blank*] years of the reign of Philip & Mary by the grace of God, [King and Queen] of England, France, Naples, Jerusalem, & Ireland, defenders of the faith, princes of Spain and Sicily, Archdukes of Austria, Dukes of Milan, Burgundy & Brabant, Counts of Hapsburg, Flanders and Tyrol.

G. Garter Dethike
King of Arms.

MS. Ashm. 844, I, fo. 177*b*, has the following:

"A testimoniall for Armes."

Michael Lock est ex antiqua et nobili familia ortus, gerens Arma vel insignia sub hoc modo et forma, sicut hic Gallice declarabitur, viz. *Pal contre pal d' asur et d'or de six pieces sur chũn pal d'asur vng faucon d'or.* Pour son tymbre *sur vne Torce d'argent et gueules vng faulcon tenant on son becq vne serreure d'or. Mantelle gueules double d'argent.* Vt latius in scuto hic in margine depicto apparet. Quæ quidem Arma eidem Michael de iure spectare et antecessoribus suis at antiquo tempore spectauisse, vobis omnibus notum facio et attestor: Nam eadem in registris meis sub forma prædc̃a reperio inserta. In cuius rei testmoniū, &c.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO WILLIAM LOVELACE OF THE CITY OF CANTERBURY, SERGEANT AT LAW, BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 2ND DEC., 1573.

[MS. Ashm. 834, I, fo. 3.]

To all and singuler aswell nobles and gentlemen as others to whome these presentes shall come, be read, hearde or vndrstoode Robert Cooke alias Clarencieulx Esquire principall Herhault and kinge of Armes of the Est west and South partes of England on this syde the ryver of Trent, sendeth greetinge in our lord god everlastinge. For as much as auncyently from the beginninge the valiaunt and vertuous actes of excellent parsons haue ben cõmended to the worlde and posteritie with sondrey monumentes and remembrances of ther goode deseartes emongest the which the cheifest and most vsuall hath ben the bearinge of signes in shieldes called Armes, beinge none other thinges then demonstracions and tokens of prowesse and valoir diversly distributed accordinge to the qualities and deseartes of the persons meritinge the same, To th'entent that such as by their vertues do shew foorthe to th'advancement of the cõmon weale the shyne and brightnes of their goode lyf and conversation, in dayly practise of thinges worthy and cõmendable, which in deede ar the true and perfect tokens of a noble disposition, may therfore receave due honor in their lyves, and also deryve and contynew the same successyvely to their posterity for ever. Emongest the which nombre one Wiłłm Lovelace of the Citie of Canterbury Esquire Seriaunt at lawe, is bearer of these Armes and tokens of honor, as to him and his heires apperteyninge of the howse and family wherof he is descended. That is to say: *Quarterly, in the first gules and a cheif endented sables three martlets siluer, In the second asure on a saulture engreylid siluer fyve martlets sables.* Which Wiłłm Lovelace is one of the heires of Sir Richard Lovelace knight late marshall of

Calleis deceased, accordinge vnto the custome of Gavelkinde in the Countie of Kent, who dyed without yssue. After whose deathe his enheritaunce in the sayd Countie did descend vnto one Johñ Lovelace of Kyngesdowne, and Wiłłm lovelace of Bethersden Esquires, sonnes of Wiłłm Lovelace Esquire brother vnto the sayd Sir Richard, which John had yssue Thomas Lovelace of Kyngesdowne Esquire, and the sayd Wiłłm had yssue the sayd Wiłłm Lovelace Seriaunte at Lawe. And for as much as vpon searche by me had at the request of the same Wiłłm Lovelace, I founde no Creast belonginge vnto the sayd Armes, as cōmonly vnto all auncyent Armes ther belongeth none, I haue assigned vnto him a Creast or cognysance meete and lawfull to be borne, without preiudice or offence to eny person. That is to say: *On a wreathe siluer and gules, an egle displayed silver standinge on the slippe of an oke vert,* as more playnly appeereth depicted in this margent. Which Armes healme and Creaste, I the sayd Clarencieulx by power and authoritie vnto myne office annexed and graunted by letters patentes vnd^{r} the greate Seale of England, have ratifyed confirmed and by these presentes do ratifye and confirme vnto the sayd Wiłłm Lovelace Esquire. And the same Creaste I do gyve graunte and allowe to the sayd Wiłłm Lovelace and his heires, and to all the heires and posteritie of the sayd Sir Richard and Wiłłm Lovelace graundfather vnto the sayd Wiłłm: And they the same to holde, beare, enioy and shew foorthe at all tymes for ever heerafter, at his and their libertie and pleasure, withoute impedyment lette or interruption of eny person or persons. In witnesse wherof I the sayd Clarencieulx kinge of Armes haue signed these presentes with my hande, and thervnto put the seale of myne Office. Yeven at London the second day of December In the yere of our lord god 1573 and the 16 yere of the reigne of our most dread souũeigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Queene of England fraunce and Ireland defendo^{r} of the faith, &c.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO JOHN LOWNDES OF OVERTON IN THE PARISH OF ASTBURY, CO. CHESTER, BY RICHARD ST. GEORGE, NORROY, DATED 18TH JUNE, 1612. [Harl. MS. 2146, fo. 72.]

To all nobles & gentlemen as others to whom theise p^{r}sents shall Come I Richard St. George Norroy Esq^{r} Kinge of Armes of the north pts of this realme of England behend Trent Greatinge Know you by the Authorty of my office from the Kinges most excellent maiẽty by his łres pattents under the great seale of England for all matters and Causes of armes pedegrees & descents of honor & chivalry my p^{o}decessors formerly have byn & I am accustomed to make declaration & to testyfie of the shields Coates of Armes Creastes & Cognisances descended unto gentlemen ether from their Ancestors or by deserts given unto them as signes & tokens of their valours and faithfull service to ther prince & Cuntrey ether in warrs or peace wherby they should be Incuraged to goe forwards in all noblenesse & virtue that they & ther posterity may for ever be enrouled amongst the nobles & gentry of this land & beinge required by Jo. Lowndes of Overton in the parish of Asbury in the County of Chester the sonne

of Wiłłm Lowndes who was the sonne of Richard Lowndes of the same place & County to make sirch in the regesters & records of my office for the auntient armes belongyng to their name & family at whos ernest request I have done accordingly & doe find that he may beare as his auncestors have done before him that is to say *in a feild Argent fretty azure on a canton gules a lions head erased gould* & for that I find no creast as Comonly to auntient Coates there is non I the sayd Norroy Kinge of Armes have assigned to the sayd John Lowndes this Creast or Cognisance hirafter followinge vidzt. *upon the healme on a wreath silver & azure a Lions head erased gould with a wreath of lawrell p'p' mantled gules dubled silver* as more playnly appereth depicted in the margent* herof w^{ch} Armes & creast I the sayd Norroy Kinge of Armes doe Ratyfie & Confirme give & grant to the sayd John Lowndes & to the heyres of his body for ever observinge theire due diffrences, the same to use & beare in signe sheild Cote armor or other wayse at their liberty and pleasure wth out Impediment lett or Intiruption of any pson or psons whatsoever.

In witnesse wherof I the sayd Norroy Kinge of Armes by the Authority aforsayd have signed theis p^{s}sents wth my hand & sett therunto the seale of my office, Dated at London the 18th day of June An^{o} 1612 & in the 10th yeare of the Raigne of our most gratious soverayne Lord James by the grace of God Kinge of Greate Britaine France & Irland Defender of the faith &c.

Ri St. George Norroy
King of Armes.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO WILLIAM LE MASTER, LL.D., A MASTER IN CHANCERY AND CHANCELLOR OF THE BISHOP OF NORWICH, BY WILLIAM DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 17TH NOV., 1587.

[Add. MS. 37649.]

Omnibus ad quos præsentes literæ peruenerint Wiłłmus Detheck Garterus Principalis Rex Armorum Anglicorum, et præcipuus Officiarius Armorum Inclitissimi ordinis Periscælidis seu Garterij salutem et omne bonum: Quoniam breuis hominum vita varijs contrahitur casibus, et tandem tacita obliuione deleri solet. Quibus vt obuiam darent antiqui, varia excogitauerunt præmiæ uiris tam optimarum scientiarum cognitione præditis, aut Reipublicæ administratione perspicuis, quam belligerosis ciuibus, seu inueteratis Militibus: quos consuetis honoribus, et titulis splendidis, exornandos et honorandos consueuerunt Et quia antiquus Armorum vsus præ cæteris, de generosorum quorumcunqȝ insignibus demonstrandis, vel in clypeis, par-mis, aut scutis delineandis, omnium consensu, veræ dignitatis, famæ, honoris, prosapiæ generis et virtutis perhibet vbiqȝ testimonium. Quodquidem perpetuis et immortalibus Trophæis augere et condecorare Officij aucthoritate solemus. Quamobrem ad hæc rogatus, de præcognita et multorum fide dignorum testimonijs corroborata bona fama, necnon vertutibus, doctrina, vita, moribus et dignitatibus, veraciter

* Trick not in the margin, but on opposite page of MS.—[Ed.]

instructus et informatus, quod illustris et præclarus vir (nobis sincerè dilectus) Reuerendus Dominus Wiłłmus le Master vtriusqȝ iuris consultissimæ facultatis Doctor, et in clarissima Vniuersitate Cantabrigiensis Academiæ celebrrimæ titulo, insignibus dignitatibus et priuilegijs summa laude indutus et insignitus, tum etiam vnus Magistrorum in Curia magnæ Cancellariæ Angliæ, acetiam venerabilis Episcopi Norwicensis in decretis Cancellarius: Quiquidem nominis et stirpis suæ claritatem antiquissimis scriptis sigillatis nobis fidem fecit: Et de Armorum insignibus quibus ante hæc vsus fuerit, dignitatiqȝ et munere suo quæ conuenire debent consulit: quæqȝ etiam libris, rotulis, et Regristris nostris inserenda rogauerit. Volentes itaqȝ et cupientes hominem tam clarum, dignum, et bene meritum, animi nostri beneuolentia et officij cura vndiqȝ communiri et confirmari: vti nusquam in posterum dubitetur, vel alius quisquam impugnare possit, literis patentibus dicti Officij Principalis Regis Armorum Anglicorum, autoritate Regia Diuæ Elizabethæ Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Reginæ fidei defensoris &c.: nobis concessis: huiusmodi arma et insignia cum galea, Crista, et Jubarum appendicibus in margine depictis et vsitatissimis hijs quibusdam verbis quam potuimus expressis, commemorare, corroborare, confirmare et exemplificare statuimus: Videłt: *In Scuto aureo supra fessuram cæruleam duos aureos Leones ingredientes inter tria Arbalistarum sagittarum ferrea capita rubra; Et vlterius ad Cassidis Cristæ notam leonis caput insigne auro micantem ferreo Calybe, sagitta rubra, plumis albis, et acumine argenteo ore transfixum; paludamentisqȝ bellicis ab vtraqȝ ventillantibus superimpositum,* prout in margine* magis dilucide depicta apparent Habendum et guadendum præfato Wiłłmo le Master et hæredibus suis de corpore suo legittimè procreatis: Quibus ille et illorum singuli tam in clypeis, scutis alijsve bellicis vtcunqȝ tropheis, quam in sigillis, annulis, et Officij sui signaturis, liberaturis, edificijs, rebusqȝ sculptilibus monumentis, aut sepulturis virtutis et legis nostræ obseruantia, vti posse aut velle permittitur, imperpetuum: damus, concedimus, et confirmamus per presentes. Deniqȝ predictum reuerendū Wiłłmū le Master et quoscunqȝ ab illo legitime descendentes, deuotionibus et dilectionibus vestris gratiose et beneuole commendamus, provt preheminencijs priuilegijs et libertatibus nobilium generosorum in omnibus secundetis et frui sinatis. In quorum omnium fidem et testimonium, et vt præmissarum memoria promulgata permanere, factiqȝ certitudo apparere possit, Ego prædcus Garterus Principalis Rex Armorum Anglicorum &c.: has literas fieri feci patentes, manu propria subscripsi, Sigillo magno Officij mei cera rubra filisqȝ sericis appositis, et sigillo paruo Armorum meorum retrosignaui. Dat London, in ædibus Officij Armorum ex Australi Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Sancti Pauli, decimo septimo die Nouembris, primo die initij Anni Tricesimi Regni Augustissimæ Elizabethæ Dei gracia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defensoris &c. Anno Domini Miłłimo quingen^mo octoges^mo septimo.

Wiłłms Detheck Garteř
Principalis Rex Armoř
Anglicoř.

* On vellum, 20 by 12 inches. Arms and crest in colours in margin. Arms of Dethick in the initial, and the Royal arms, Garter, and York and Lancaster roses in the upper margin. Signed with the seal of office (imperfect). The fess is coloured gules in the margin.—[Ed.]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO MATHEW MENNES OF THE INNER TEMPLE, ESQ., BY WILLIAM CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX, DATED 10TH JULY, 1616.

[Harl. MS. 1432, fo. 160.]

To all and Singuler as well nobles and Gentils as others to whom these presents shall come I William Camden Esqr. alʒ Clarenceux Principall Kinge of Armes of this Realme of England from the River of Trent Southward send greeting in our Lord God Everlasting. Amonge manie and sondrie monuments devised by or Prudent Progenitors to Commende the memory of men of worth vnto succeeding Ages, it is notorious that the cheifest and most vsuall hath bin the bearing of Signes in Shilds comonly called Armes both as Evident demonstrations of vertue and the Rewards of the same. The Consideration hereof hath moued mee the said Clarenceux diligently to peruse sondry good Evidences and Testimonies presented vnto mee by Mathew Mennes of the Inner Temple Esquire sone of Andrew sonne of Mathew Mennes of the County of Kent wch weare his Ancestors and doe sufficiently proue him the said Mathew to bee well borne and descended from such as haue borne Armes and Tokens of their race and Gentry who being touched with a care for the preservation of his birth-Right hath Requested mee the said King of Armes in this manner to Testify my knowledge of the Premises and to keep record of the same. And withall hath further desired mee for that vnto his said avntient Armes there can no crest or ornament vnto the healm be fovnd, As vnto many Armes there were avntientlie none to assigne vnto his said Armes Creast or Cognysance meete for him to beare without preiudice to any other person, which requests of his I the said Clarencevx could not but condiscend vnto, and by the powre of mine office to me committed by letters Patents vnder the greate seale of England have assigned vnto the saide Mathew Mennes for a Creast or Cognysance *on the Healme a wreath or and Azure thereon issuing out of the beames of the sonne the head of an Antelop Gules Horned maned and Tusked or, therevnto adding mantelles of gules dubled Argent,* as more plainely with his said avntient armes, vizt. *Gules a Cheveron vary or and Azure betweene three libards* [*Leopards*—Ed.] *heads of the seacond* appeareth depicted in the margent,* which Creast and Cognisanc togeather with his said auntient armes and every part and parcell thereof I the said Kinge of Armes by Power and Authority aforesaid and by vertue of mine office of Kinge of Armes doe by these Presents giue, and Grant, ratifie and confirme vnto ye said Mathew Mennes and to his ofspring and posteritie for ever Hee and they the same to have, hould vse beare enioy and shew foorth at all times and for ever heere after with their due differences according to ye laws of armes in Sheilde, Coate Armovre, Penon, Seale, Hatchment, or otherwise at his and their libertie and pleasure without ye impediment lett or interruption of any person or persons. In witnes whereof I ye said Clarenceux King of Armes haue hereunto subscribed my name and sett to the seale of mine office the 10th of iuly 1616 in the foureteenth yeare of ye reigne of our most gracious souereigne lord James King of england france and Ireland and of Scotland.

Willm Camden Clarenceux King of Armes.

* Trick of arms and crest in margin.—[Ed.]

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO CHRISTOPHER MERRETT, ESQ., DOCTOR OF PHYSIC, FELLOW OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, LONDON, BY SIR EDWARD BYSSHE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 13TH JULY, 1666.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 112.]

To all and Singular. vnto whom thes p^rsents shall com. S^r Edward Bysshe Knight Clarenceux principall Herald and King of Armes of All the South East & West parts of the Realme of England from the River of Trent Southward Sendeth greting. Wheras Christopher Merrett Esq: Doctor of Phisick and Fellow of the Colledg of Phisitions London Hath desired me to Assigne vnto him such Armes as he may Lawfully beare, wherfore I haue thought fitt to give vnto him the Armes hereafter mentioned viz^t *Barry of Six peices Argent & Sable a Bend Ermines*, and for his Crest *on a Helmet and Wreath of his Cullours a Talbots head Erased Ermines Collored Argent, Mantled Gules doubled Argent* as in the margent* more Lively is depicted. All which Armes & Crest I the said Clarenceux King of Armes by power & authority of my office to me granted vnder the great Seale of England doe by these p^rsents Assigne Give & Grant vnto the said Christopher Merrett And to the heires of his body Lawfully begotten to be by them & every of them borne in Seale Sheild Penon Coat armour or otherwise with their due differences according to the Lawe of Armes for ever. In witnes wherof I haue vnto these p^rsents fixed the Seale of my office and subscribed my name Dated this 13^th day of July An° Dnj 1666.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO JOHN MERRYWEATHER OF SHEPERSWOULD, CO. KENT, BY WILLIAM SEGAR, GARTER, DATED 26TH JULY, 1609.

[Harl. MS. 14295, fo. 99.]

To All and Singuler as well nobles and Gentlemen as others to whome theis Presents shal come William Segar esquire als Garter Principal Kinge of Armes of all England send Greting in our Lord God everlasting. Whereas auntiently from the beginning the valiant and vertuous Acts of worthy persons have bin comended to the world with sundry monuments and remembrances of their good deserts amongst wch the chefest and most usual hath bin the bearing of signes and tokens in sheilds comonly called Armes wch are evident demonstrations of prowes and valour diversly distributed according to qualities and deserts of the persons wch order as it was most prudently devised in the beginning to stirr and kindle the harts of men to the imitation of virtue and noblenes even so hath the same bin and (is yet) continually observed to the end that such as have done comendable service to their prince or Country either in War or peace may

* A trick of arms and crest in margin, and another in Harl. MS. 1105, fo. 20, where, however, the bars are *argent and gules*, and the words, "And to Francis his brother," have been added at, apparently, a later date.—[ED.]

receive due honor in their lives and also derive the same successively to their posterity after their death for ever In wch respect whereas John Merriwether of Shepperswould in the County of Kent the sone and heire of Richard ye sone and heire of Edward Merrywether &c. as appeareth in the margent hath required me the said King of Armes to shew forth and confirme the Armes belonging to him wch are *Or, three Martlets sables, on a chefe azure a lyon passant gardant of ye first,* and withall being desireous to testifie to the world and posterity his service done in the warrs both at the expedition to Cales and also in Flanders hath requested me by some Creast or ornament unto the healme to exemplifie so much, I in consideration of the worth of the said John Merrywether could not but condiscend thereunto viz: *on a healme out of a crowne Or an armed hand holding a sword argent, thereon a lyon's head erased proper* as appeareth more plainly depicted in the margent* with *mantles gules dobled silver* wch Arms and Creast and every part and parcel thereof I the King of Armes afforesaid by power and authority of mine office to me comitted under the great seale of England do by theis presents allowe give grant ratefy and confirme to the said John Merrywether and his posterity & that he or they the same may use beare and shew forth in sheild coate Armes monument or otherwise according to the auntient lawes and laudable customes of England without the lett or interruption of any person or persons whatsoever In witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale of office the six and twentith day of July Anno Domini 1609. And in the seaventh yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland &c.

Willm Segar Garter Principall
King of Armes.

Recordata in officio Armorum Londinens: die et anno predic̃.

Examined with the original Grant at the College of Arms, 3 Sep. 1687.

Hen. S^{t} George
Clarenceux.

Proved by Mr. Merriwether of Tower Ward who entred his Desc^{t} in the Visit. of London 1687.

* A trick of arms and crest in the margin, with motto: "Virtute et vulneribus." Also a coat of arms, viz. *Quarterly* 1 *and* 4 (for Merriwether); 2, *Argent, a mullet pierced gules between* 3 *phœons sable* (for Jolle); 3, *Gules,* 2 *crescents and a canton argent* (for Cooke of Kent and Broadwater, co. Sussex).

Around the margins of the page is a short pedigree, with arms of (1) John Merriwether, the grantee, who married Alice, daughter of Sir William Craford, of Mongham, co. Kent (*impaling or, on a chevron cotised vert* 3 *hawks' heads erased argent,* for Craford). (2) His father, Richard, who married . . . . . , daughter and heir of . . . . . Jolle (impaling quarterly 2 and 3 as above). She afterwards married the heir of . . . . . Cooke. (3) Edward, his father, who married . . . . . , daughter of . . . . . Eadol (*impaling ermine, on a bend sable* 3 *cinquefoils argent,* Eadol). (4) . . . . . Merrywether, who married . . . . . , daughter of . . . . . Cloke (no arms for Cloke). (5) . . . . . Merryweather (arms of Merryweather only).—[Ed.]

GRANT OF NEW ARMS AND CREST TO SIR HUGH MIDLETON OF LONDON, BARONET, BY WILLIAM CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX, DATED 1ST NOV., 1622.

[Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 382.]

To all and singuler as well nobles as Gentles as others to whome this p^r^sents shall come to be seen read or heard W^m^ Camden Esq^e^ Clarencieulx principall King of Armes of the East West and South parts of the Realme of England on this side the riuer of Trent Southward sendeth Greeting in our Lord Everlasting forasmuch as Antiently from y^e^ beginning the vertuous & valiant Acts of Execellent ꝑsons have been Commended to the world and posterity w^th^ sundry monuments and Apt remembrances of their good deserts Amongst the which the Cheifest and most vsuall haue been of beareing of Signes and tokens in Sheilds and Escocheons called Armes Instituted to remaine to all ages as continuall demonstracons and Testimonies of the worthynes of the Bearrers and diuersly distributed according to their quallityes, condic̃ons, Estates and degrees howbeitt although the same was prudently invented to stirr vpp and Inflame the hearts of men, to ye Imitacon of the like virtue and noblenesse shyneinge in others and is with noe lesse wisdome and good pollicie still continued in these our daies that such as haue done Comendable seruice to theire Prince or Country either in Warr or peace may not onely receiue due hono^r^ and Estimacon in this Life soe Transitorie but alsoe deriue and Convey the same to their Ofspring and posterity Successiuely for euer Yet notwithstanding it hath often chanced by reason of Civill Warrs Invasions of fforreigne Enemies and many tymes through the negligence of men little regardinge their duties or else by the fatall Course of Revolucon of yeares and Infelicity of tyme w^ch^ was wont to devour all things that ye Memory of such well deserueing persons hath beene vtterly lost Laid aside and drounded in Oblivion whereby not only priuate familyes and Kindreds of noble race but alsoe many States of Kingdomes and principallities haue been greatly blemished and Obscured which was the cheife cause that moued Emperors, Kings & Rulers of ye Earth in great wisdome foresight and pollicie to Institute and Ordaine Kings Heraulds and officers of Armes to whose Authority & Charge they Com̃itted the p^r^servacon of, And Knowledge of these things worthy Eternity ye Regestringe and Inroweling of Armes Ensignes and tokens of hono^r^ together w^th^ the Genelogies, pedegres and descents of all Nobillity and gentry as alsoe the Marshallinge placeing orderinge and publishing of the same in due forme and meete tyme and places to their ꝑpetuall hono^r^ Fame and renowne amongst the w^ch^ findeing the many vertues, & good deserts of Hugh Midleton of London Goldsmith whome it hath pleased his most Sacred Ma^tie^ out of his most gratious and Spetiall favour to hono^r^ with the Dignity of a Barronett for these Causes and in these words Expressed in his Letters Pattents vnder the great seale of England dated 22^th^ day of August in the 20^th^ yeare of his most happy Raigne A° 1622 whereas Hugh Midleton of Ruthin within the County of Denbigh Esq^e^ Cittizen and Goldsmith of London greatly affecting the publique good of our said Cittie and desireing to ꝑforme a most worthy, Salubrious and most necessary [*sic*] to our aforesaid Cittie, in ye which he hath

been nourished & brought vpp hath brought to the same to his Excessiue charge, but with greater difficulty a New Cutt or Riuer of Fresh water to the great benefitt and enestimable p^r^servacon there of And alsoe applyeing himselfe with the like Endeavours to ye Weale of the publique hath gained a very great & spatious quantity of Land in Brading Haven in our Isle of Weight in ye County of South-hampton out of ye Bowells of the Sea And with Bankes and Pyles and most strange defensible and chargeable mountaine, hath fortified the same against the Violence and fury of the Waues Insisting likewise in the same pathes of vertue with a fortunate and prosporous skill Exceeding Industry and noe small charge he hath found out in our Country [*sic*] of Cardigan in our principallity of Wales a Royall and Rich Myne not to the meane benefitt of our Kingdome and from thence hath Extracted many Siluer plates w^ch^ we haue caused to be coyned in our Tower of London for Currant mony, in our Kingdomes by w^ch^ we vnderstand the said Hugh Midleton to be much addicted to our hono^r^, and the Weale publique we therefore willing (as nobly he deserueth) out of our favour and gratious power and regallity haue created ye said Hugh Midleton and the heires Males of his body to the Estate degree and dignity of a Barronet of this our Realme of England for the Causes aboue specified as more at large in the said L'res Pattents may appeare with respect and the due Consideracon hereof hath moued me the said Clarenceaux King of Armes to pvse view sundry Wills Testaments Records and other Evidences shewed and p^r^sented vnto me by the said S^r^ Hugh Middleton to be well borne and descended of such as haue borne Armes and tokens of their race and gentry as being sixth sonn of Richard Midleton of Denbighe sonne of ffalke Midleton of ye same place third sonne of David Midleton of Gwynoge in ye County of Denbeigh Receiuer of North Wales to King Edward the fourth sonne of Riride Midleton sonne of Robert Midleton, sonne of Riride Midleton sonne to another Riride who married Cicely Sister and heire to S^r^ Alexand^r^ Midleton of Midleton in the county of Salop by reason of which match all his Children were called after the English manner Midleton, And the said Riride was sonne of Dauid sonne of Riride Pothan alias Vlaydd who bare for his Armes *Argent on a bend vert three Woulues heads erased of the feild* Lineally descended from Pothan Vlayd Lord of Penlyn in the County of Merioneth who bore for his Armes *Vert a Cheveron betweene three Woulues heads erased Argent* as appeareth depicted in the Margent w^ch^ S^r^ Hugh Midleton being occasioned in respect of his place and calling to those hono^rs^ aforesaid to reviue and Continue the use of Armes & further touched with a care for ye p^r^seruacon of his house hath required me the said Clarenceaux King of Armes in this Manner to testifie my Knowledge in ye p^r^misses & to keep recorde of the same and withall hath further desired me for y^t^ his Antient Coate of Armes aforesaid belonging to y^t^ family may not by him be borne w^th^out his due differences of Consangunity w^ch^ are many and alsoe the Canton his addicon of honno^r^, w^th^ Ulsters Armes blemished or defaced one of ye wolues heads vpon the bend he is desireous altogether to waue and leaue out and to betake himselfe to some other kinde of Difference Keepeing the said Antient and Elder houses, and which he may beare without p^r^judice or offance to that or any other family I the said Clarenc̃ King of Armes, out of an Espetiall zeale and good affeccons borne vnto him ye said S^r^ Hugh Midleton for his vertues &

honor (soe well knowne) haue willingly Condescended vnto his request and by the power and Authority vnto me Comitted vnder the great seale of England haue assigned giuen and granted vnto ye said Sr Hugh Midleton *Argent vpon a pyle vert three Wolues heads erased of the feild on a Canton of honor of the first a sinister hand Gules or a Bloody hand* giuen him in his Letters Pattents aforesaid, as an Addicon of honor being a Barronet, and for his Creast and Cognizance *on the helme a Septer hand proper out of a Crowne golde therevnto adding Mantles of his Coullours* (*vizt*) *vert and Argent* as more plainely appeareth aboue depicted in the Margent wch Armes and Crest and euery pt and pcell thereof I the said Clarenceaux King of Armes by power and Authority aforesaid and by vertue of my office of King of Armes doe by these presents giue and grant ratifie and confirme vnto ye said Sr Hugh Midleton Barronett and to his posterity for euer he and they the same to haue hold beare enjoy and shew forth at all tymes and in all places for euer hereafter with theire due differences according to ye Law of Armes in Sheild Coate Armour Penon Banner Seale Hatchment or otherwise at his and theire Liberty and pleasure without Impediment lett or Interrupcon or Controulment of any pson or psons whatsoeuer In witnesse whereof I the said Clarenceaux King of Armes haue subscribed my name and put herevnto the seale of myne Office the first day of November in ye xxth yeare of the Raigne of our Most gratious Soũaigne Lord James by the grace of god King of England ffrance & Ireland defender of ye faith &c. and of Scotland the six and fiftieth Anno Dni 1622.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO EDMOND MILLE BY JOHN SMERT, GARTER, DATED 12TH AUGUST, 1450 [*in French*].

[Cotton MS. Faust. E. 1, fo. 12.]

To all present and to come who these letters shall see or hear, John Smert alias Garter King of Arms in the Realm of England, greeting and all humble commendations.

Equity wills and reason ordains that men, virtuous and of noble courage, be for their merits by renown rewarded, and not only their persons in this mortal life, so brief and transitory, but after them, those issuing from and being begotten by their bodies be in all places of great honour for ever before others distinguished by certain signs and tokens of honour and gentility, that is to say by blazon, helm and crest, so that by their example more shall be persuaded to use their days in feats of arms and other virtuous works to acquire the renown of ancient gentility in their line and posterity. Wherefore, I, Garter King of Arms aforesaid, who, not only by common renown but also by the report and testimony of others, noble men worthy of faith am well & truly advertised and informed that Edmond Mylle has for long pursued feats of arms & as well in this as in other matters has carried himself valiantly, and honourably governed himself so that he has well deserved & is worthy that henceforth for ever he and his posterity be in all places honourably admitted, received, acknowledged, counted and renowned among the number and of the company of other ancient gentle and noble men. And for the remembrance of this his gentility, I have

devised ordained and assigned to the said Edmond Mille, for him and his heirs the blazon, helm and crest in the manner following, that is to say: *a shield of six points, sable and argent, three bears rampant of the same, muzzled and enchained or, the chains thrown around them.** And the crest on the helm, *a demi bear, sable, likewise muzzled and chained or, as aforesaid, seated on a wreath or & gules, mantelled of the same, lined ermine,* as the picture, &c., in the margin before this demonstrates, To have, hold and use and possess for him and his said heirs for ever.

In testimony whereof I, Garter King of Arms above-named, have signed with my hand and sealed with my seal these presents. Made and given the twelfth day of August, in the year of grace 1450 (this was A. 28 H. 6 [*sic*]).

Gartier.

AUGMENTATION BY ROYAL WARRANT FOR NICHOLAUS DE MOLIN, A VENETIAN, DATED 23RD† JANUARY, 1605–6 [JAS. I].

[MS. Rawlinson B. 102, fo. 11.]

Jacobus Dei gratia, magnæ Britanniæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ Rex fidei defensor etc. Vniuersis et singulis Regibus Principibus præsentes Litteras inspecturis salutem ad perpetuam rei memoriam. Cum nos nonsolum subditis nostris virtutum præstantia rebus gestis, et laudabili virtute probatis, sed etiam exteris, et præsertim Legatis, qui publica authoritate, publica negotia principum et Rerumpublicarum viribus ingenij prudenter agunt: Varia honoris ornamenta, gloriæ monumenta et laudis insignia laudatissimo maiorum instituto conferre soleamus: Nos iam toto triennio explorata virtute et prudentia clarissimi et spectatissimi viri Nicholai de Molin, ex patritia Venetiarum familia quem primis Regni [*sic* MS.] nostri Magnæ Britanniæ auspicijs, Serenissimus princeps Marimus Grimano Dux Venetiarum et magnifici domini incliti Senatus Veneti ob eminentem prudentiam è pluribus elegerant, et ad nos tum vt nostræ successioni in Angliæ Regno congratularetur: tum vt magna et seria negotia nobiscum tractaret, longinqua et honorifica Legatione transmiserant; Quam ille ad alendam inter nos et Rempublicam Venetam mutuam amicitiam grauissime et prudentissimè obiuit; Eundem dominum Nicholaum de Molin in frequenti procerum nostrorum præsentia, Equitem auratum merito Creauimus et insuper Equestri huic dignitati in honoris adiectionem [*sic*] accessionem adiecimus Vt *in Auito Clypeo gentilitio Cantonem gestet Argenteum, cum Angliæ Rosa rubenti, partita et Scotiæ carduo virenti coniunctim;* quæ ex Insignibus nostris Regijs speciali gratia nostra decerpsimus: vt virtuti bene merenti suus honor constaret, et nostræ in tantum virum benevolentiæ testimonium inperpetuum extaret. Quam quidem honorariam accessionem præfato Domino Nicholao de Molin et hæredibus suis de corpore suo lejittimè procreatis in Clypeo gestandam, habendam, tenendam et gestandam [*sic*] vtendam damus et concedimus

* The blazon is not very clear, but it may mean: *per fesse sable and argent, a pale counterchanged, three bears rampant of the second, muzzled and chained or, collared gules,* as appears in a trick of the arms of Edmond Mill, of Pulberche, co. Sussex, in Harl. MS. 1359, fo. 17.—[ED.]

† 24 January in Stowe MS., fo. 58, and Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 397.—[ED.]

pro vt hic in margine suis Coloribus depingenda iussimus. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus Patentes. Datum in Regio Palatio nostro apud Westmonasterium: xxiij^{tio} die Januarij. Anno Regni nostri magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ et Hyberniæ Tertio.

GRANT OF CREST TO JOHN MOORE OF LONDON, ESQ., AND DOCTOR IN PHYSIC, BY SIR RICHARD ST. GEORGE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 22ND JAN., 1626.

[MS. Ashm. 858, p. 159.]

To these Armes vidlt: *In a field sable a plaine Cross argent* (anciently belonging to the Surname & family of the Moores rightfully borne by John Moore* of London Esq^{r} & Dc̃or in Phisick) I S^{r} Richard S^{t} George Knight Clarenceux King of Armes finding no Crest belonging, haue assigned vnto him this ensuing, vizt: *vpon a wreath of his Colours a Moores head p'p, thereon a Chappeau Gules, turned vp Ermin & in his Eare a Pearle*, as more plainely appeth aboue depicted. The w^{ch} Crest I the said S^{r} Rich: S^{t} George K^{t} Clarenceux King of Armes doe ratifie & confirme vnto the aforesd̃ John Moore & to his heires & posterity for eu^{e}, In wittness whereof I haue herevnto subscribed my name this 22th of January 1626.

Ri: S^{t} George Clarenceux
King of Armes.

GRANT OF A CREST TO NICHOLAS MOORE OF THE INNER TEMPLE, LONDON (FROM BERKSHIRE), BY SIR GILBERT DETHICK, GARTER, ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, AND WILLIAM FLOWER, NORROY, DATED 28TH APRIL, 1569.

[MS. Ashm. 834, fo. 27.]

To all and singuler aswell Nobles and gentills as others to whom these p^{e}sentꝭ shall cõme be seene heard read or vnd^{r}stood S^{r} Gilbert Dethick Knight alꝭ Gartar Principall Kinge of Armes Robert Cooke alꝭ Clarencieulx kinge of Armes of the Sowthe ptes of England and Wiłłm Flower alꝭ Norroy kinge of Armes of the North ptꝭ of England sendithe gretinge in o^{r} Lord god Everlastinge. Forasmoche as aunciently from the begynnynge the valyant and vertuous actꝭ of worthy psons have benne cõmended to the world and posterytie wth sondry monvmentꝭ and remẽbrancꝭ of their good desertꝭ Emongst the w^{ch} the chefest and most vsuall hathe benne the bearinge of signes in shilds called Armes beinge none other thinge then demonstracõns and tokens of prowes and valoir deyversly distributed accordinge to the qualities and desertꝭ of the psons merytinge the same To the intent that suche as by their vertues do shewe forthe the advancement of the cõmon weale the shyne of their good life and conversacõn in dayly

* This appears to be Dr. John Moore, who bought Thelwall Hall, co. Cheshire, and had many grants of arms and crests, for an account of which see *Topographer and Genealogist*, i, 431, etc.—[Ed.]

practise of thinge worthy and comendable beinge the very trewe and pfect tokens of a right noble dispositõn may therforè receyue due Honor in their lyves and also dyryve the same successively to their posterytie for ever Emongst the wch nomber Nicoles Moore of the Inner tempyll in london Sone and heyre of John moore Sone and heyre of Edward moore Sone and heyre of Gawyn Moore who was the Sone and heyre of Richard moore esquyre late of Burfielde in the countie of Barkshier by Elizabeth the daughter of Brocas beinge one of the bearers of these tokens of Honor and yet not knoweng for Certayne of Any Creaste or Cognoysance belonginge or apperteynynge vnto his auncient Cote of Armes* as to very many auncient Cotes there are none, hathe requyred vs the sayd Kinges of Armes to assigne vnto the sayd armes a Creast or Cognoysance meete and lawfull to be borne wthowt pᵒiudice or offence to any pson In consideracõn wherof and for a further Declaracõn of the worthines of the sayd Nicoles Moore and at his instant request we the sayd Kinges of Armes by power and auctorytie to vs comytted by Lres Patente vnder the greate seale of England have assigned given and grawnted vnto the sayd Nicholas Moore for his Creast or Cognoysance *On a torce siluer and sable a griphon sergeant regardant gold, membrũ and winged asure mantellid asure doublid gold* as more playnly apperith depicted in the mgent wch Creast and Cognoysance and euᵒy pte and pcell therof we the sayd kinge of Armes do by these pᵒsente ratyfie confyrme give and graunt vnto the sayd Nicholas Moore and to his posterytie for ever and he the same Creast or Cognoisance to haue holde vse beare enioy and shew fowrth at all tymes and for ever herafter at his lybertie and pleasure wthowt the impediment let or interuption of any pson or psons. In witnes wherof. Datyd the 28 of Aprill 1569.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO THOMAS MYLDMAY OF MOULSHAM, CO. ESSEX, GENTLEMAN, BY THOMAS HAWLEY, CLARENCEUX, DATED 15TH MARCH,† 1542.

[Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 433.]

To all nobles and gentells these prsent Lres reading heareing & seeing Thomas Hawly alᵴ Clarenceaux principall Herald and King of Armes of the South east and west parts of this Realme of England from ye riuer of Trent Southwards sendeth due and humble Comendacons and greeting Equity willeth and reason Ordaineth that men vertuous and of noble Courrage by their merritts & good renowne rewardeth not onely their psons in this mortall Life soe breife & Transitory but alsoe after them those yt shall come and discend of their bodies to be in all places of honor wth other nobles & Gentells accepted and taken by certeyne Ensignes & Demonstracons of honor and Nobles that is to say Blason Healme and Tymbre to the End that by their Examples others may the more Enforce themselues to the pseuerance to vse their daies in feats of Armes & workes vertuous to get the renowne of Antient Nobles in their Leignes and pos-

* *Argent, a moorcock sable.*—[Ed.]

† 15 May, 1542, in Add. MS. 7098, fo. 76.—[Ed.]

terities And therefore I clareñ King of Armes as aboue written not alonly by the Comon renowne but alsoe by the reporte and witnes of diuers worthy to be taken of Word and Credence am Advertised and informed that Thomas Myldmaye of Mulsham in the County of Essex Gent is discended of a house vndefamed & hath of long tyme ꝑsued in feates of Armes and workes vertuous and in all other his affaires hath vsed himselfe soe uertuously and discreetly soe that he hath well deserued he and his posterity to be in all places of honor admitted, renowned, Counted, numbred & taken in the number and Company of other Nobles & Gentells and for the remembrance of the same by the vertue Authority & power Annexed attributed giuen and granted by the King our Soueraigne Lords Highnes to me and to my office of Clarenceaux King of Armes by Expresse words vnder his most noble great seale haue devised Ordeyned giuen and granted to the said Thomas Myldemay gent and to his posterity the Armes & Creast as hereafter followeth in this manner (that is to say) *Siluer & sable vnde parffe* [*per fesse* in Add. MS. 7098, fo. 76] *three Grey hounds heades interchanged of the feild about euery Neck a Coller gules ꝑsted* [*porfled* in Add. MS. 7098] *besancted the Turrets gold about a Torce gould & gules A hyndes head siluer and sable p'ty p' pale on the Neck three dropps enterchanged of the same between two Hawthornes branches leaued vert flowered* [*silver* in Add. MS. 7098] *holding the third in his mouth mantled gules doubled siluer,* as more plainely appeareth depicted in the margent To haue and to hold to him and his posterity and they that to hold for euermore In witnes whereof I Clarenceaux King of Armes giuen and granted at London the 15th day of March in the yeare of our Lord god 1524 [*sic, but apparently a mistake for* 1542—Ed.] And of the King our Soueraigne Lord Henry the eight the 34th of his most Noble Raigne.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN NATCOMBE (OR NUTCOMBE) OF CO. DEVON, ESQ., BY EDWARD BYSSHE, GARTER, DATED . . . . . MARCH, 1657.

[Harl. MS. 1172, fo. 24.]

To all and singuler unto whom these presents shall come, Edward Byshe Esq: Garter principall King of Armes of Englishmen sendeth greeting, know yee that for as much, as it hath been, an antient custome, and soe continued in all Countreys, and common weales, well gouern'd that the honerable actions, and Virtuous endeauors, of worthy men, haue from time to time, been remembred, and recommended, to posterity, by certaine tokens and remembraunces of Honnor, commonly called Armes, being the outward Demonstrations, of there inward uertues, inciting others by there examples, to the imitation, of there Laudable workes, and worthy Atcheiuments, durring this transitory life, which said tokens of Honnor are diuersly distributed, according to the qualities of the parties, for demeriting ye same, To the end that such as haue done commendable seruice, to there Prince, or Country, ether in Warr, or Peace, may therefore both receaue due Honner, and estimation in this life, and deriue and conuey the same, to there ofspring and posterity for euer, in which respects,

whereas, John Natcombe, in the County of Deuon Esq: is of good birth, and antiently desended which was the son of Nicholas, which was the son of John, which was the son of John, w^ch^ was the son of Richard Natcombe, of the same place, and County, hath desired mee to assigne unto him such Armes, as hee and his posterity may lawfully beare. Know yee therefore that I haue thought fitt to assigne unto him the Armes hearafter mentioned vizt, *or, a Fesse Crenelle betwene two Escalops gules,* and for a Crest, *on a Helmet, befitting his degree, in a Crown Murall Or a Falcon proper, armed iessed and belect [belled] of the first mantled gules doubled argent,* as in the mergent* more liuely is depicted the w^ch^ Armes and Crest as before is expressed, [I] the said Edward Byshe, Garter principall King of Armes of English men, by the authority anexed to the Office of Garter by the statutes, of the most noble Order of the Garter, continued practice, and the letters Pattens of my Office, made unto mee under the great Seale of England, doe by these pressents, declare assigne, giue, grant, and confirme, unto the aforesaid John Natcomb, and to the issue of his body, lawfully begotten, to bee by them and euery of them born with there due diffarences, according to the law of Armes, for euer, in witnesse whereof I haue unto these presents, affixed the Seale of my Office and subscribed my name. Dated at the Office [of] Armes the . . . . . of march in the yeare of our Lord, 1657.

GRANT OF AN AUGMENTATION TO RICHARD NEWMAN OF FIFEHEAD MAGDALEN, CO. DORSET, GENTLEMAN, BY SIR EDWARD WALKER, GARTER, DATED 2ND APRIL, 1664.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 49.]

To all and Singuler vnto whom these presents shall come S^r^ Edward Walker, Knight, Garter Principall King of Armes of Englishmen, sendeth Greeting: whereas our Soveraigne Lord King Charles the Second takeing into his Princely Consideration & very well remembring the many great & eminent services donn unto him & his late Royall ffather King Charles of ever blessed & glorious memory, by many of ther Loyall Subiects, from the beginning of the late vnhappy divisions in all his Ma^ties^ Dominions vntell the time of his Ma^ties^ most happy restaurations & being desirous to testify vnto Posterity by some Markes & Characters of honour, the value & esteeme he hath of the persons who haue with Courage Constancy & fidelity performed the same: To which end his Ma^tie^ hath therevpon been gratiously pleased to authorise me to giue grant & assigne vnto such persons, or any of them such Augmentations out of sume of his Royall Badges as may be properly borne for the honour of them & their Posterity: And whereas it appeareth vnto me by a Certificate vnder y^e^ hand & Seale of Humphry Newman of Wincannteon in the County of Somersett Gent, that Richard Newman of ffiffhead Magdalen in y^e^ County of Dorsett Gent: is Sonn & Heire of Thomas Newman Grandchild of an other Thomas Newman & Great Grandchild of Robert Newman Gent: vnto home, & vnto Christian his

* Trick in margin, but in Harl. MS. 1441, fo. 150*b*, the crest is tricked as *out of a mural crown an escallop,* as in the arms.—[ED.]

wife Roberte & Richard ther Sonns William Abbot of Sr Augustines in Bristoll by his deed dated ye 20th of November in ye 23th yeare of ye Reigne of King Henry the 8th demised ye Scite & Demeasnes of ye said Manner of ffiffhead for ther respectiue liues: vnto which Robert Newman also Paul Bush Bishop of Bristoll did by his Deed, dated ye last of July Anno 4to Edw: 6ti mak an other Lease of ye mannor of Fiffhead Magdalen aforesaid for ye terme of ffowerscore yeares, during which Lease & ever since the said Robert & his Descendants haue possessed the said Mannor as Lessees thereof, & that it is at present in ye possession of Richard Newman of Evercreech Park in ye County of Somerset Esqe And farther, being sufficiently satisfyed, that ye said Richard Newman of Fiffhead Magdalen aforesaid is a parson that hath faithfully & Constantly adhered to the interest of ye Crowne during the late times of distraction & hath been a great sufferer for ye same. And whereas ye said Richard Newman beareth for ye Paternall Coate of his Family *Quarterly Sable & Argent in ye first & last quarters three mullets Argent.* Know yee therefore that I ye said Sr Edward Walker Knight Garter Principall King of Armes by ye particular power & authority giuen vnto me by his Matie to that purpose Do hereby giue grant & assigne vnto him ye said Richard Newman by way of Augmentation, *in an Inescocheon Gules a Portcullis Crowned or,* As in ye Margent* more liuely is depicted; which Augmentation the said Richard Newman & ye Heires and Descendants of his Body lawfully begotton for euer, bearing their due & proper differences may & shall lawfully vse beare & sett forth togather with his Paternall Coate of Armes as is aboue depicted, at all times & vpon all occasions, without the lett or interuption of any person whomsoeuer. In witnes wherof I haue hereunto subscribed my name, & affixed ye Seale of my Office the second day of Aprill in ye sixteenth yeare of ye Reigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles ye secound by ye grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of The Faith &c. Annoqꝫ Dni 1664.

GRANT OF CREST TO SIR RICHARD NEWPORTE OF ERCALL, CO. SALOP, BY WILLIAM FLOWER, NORROY, DATED 3RD FEB., 1565.

[Copied from a seventeenth-century folio MS. (formerly in the Aston Library) by Thos. Penson, Arms painter, now in the possession of the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher, F.S.A.]

To all Nobles and gentilles this presente letters readyng hering or seeing William Flower esquier alias Norroy Principall Herauld and King of Armes of the North East and West partes of this Realme of England from the Ryver of Trent Northwardes sendeth dewe and humble Comendacions and greetinge. Equitye willeth and reason ordeyneth that men, vertous and of noble courrage be by their merittes and good Renowne rewarded, not only their persons in this

* Arms in margin with crest (*a swallow proper*) and, in a later hand, a motto: "Lux mea Christus."—[Ed.] The arms are, or were, also over a doorway in the garden of North Cadbury Manor House, co. Somerset, cut in stone and probably at one time over the main entrance (Somerset Archæol. and Natural Hist. Soc., *Proceedings*, vol. 36, pt. ii, p. 156.

mortall life so breffe and transatary but also after them those that shalbe of their bodies Discended to be in all places of Honor with other renowned accepted and taken by certayne ensignes and demonstracions of honor and nobles That is to saye, blason Helme and tymber to thend that by their ensamples other may enforce themselves to use their dayes in feates of Armes and worke vertous to get the renowne of Aunciente Nobles in their lignes and Posterityes. And Whereas the Right Worshipfull Sr. Richard Newporte of Ercalwe in y^e^ Countie of Shropshire knight is Discended of a house long tyme bearing Armes, and he being uncertayne under what manner and forme his Auncestors bare their Creast, hath required me the said Norroy to assigne unto these his old Auncient Armes a Creast dewe and lawfull to be borne in consideracion thereof I the said Norroy by vertue Auctoritye and power Annexed attrybuted gyven and graunted to me and to my office of Norroy King of Armes by express Wordes under ye most Noble grette Seale have deuvysed geven and graunted unto ye said Sr. Richard Newporte Knight and to his posteritie a Creast dew and lawfull to be borne in maner as hereafter followeth That is to saye *Upon his helme on a torce Argent and Sable an younycornes head Argent razed of thre poyntes gules Aboutes his neck a Crowne & harned golde mantuled gules doubled Argent bottoned and tasselyd gold* as more plainely appeareth depicted in the margent.* To have and to holde the saide Creast to ye said Sr. Richard Newport K^t^ and to his posterity and they it to use and Inioye for ever more. In witnes whereof I the sayd Norrye Kinge of Armes as afforesaid have signed these presents with my hand and sett thereunto ye seale of my office of Norrye Kynge of Armes. Yeven at London the third daye of February in the eight yere of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of Englande ffrance and Ireland Defender of the faith &c. And in ye yeare of our Lord God A Thousande fyve hundred Sixtie and fyve.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO SIR ROBERT NEWTON OF LONDON, BARONET, AND TO HIS BROTHERS, RICHARD AND THOMAS NEWTON, BY SIR EDWARD BYSSHE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 14TH FEB., 13 CHARLES II (1660–1).

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 118.]

To all & Singular to whom theis p^r^sents shall com Edward Bysshe Knight Clarencieux King of Armes of the South East & West parts of this Realme of England from the River of Trent Southward sendeth greeting &c:

And for as much as S^r^ Robert Newton of London Baronet hath desired me to assigne vnto him such Armes as he & his posterity may Lawfully beare Know yee therfore that I haue thought fitt to assigne vnto him theise Armes, viz^t^ *Vert, a Lyon rampant Or Langued & Armed gules charged on the Shoulder w^th^ a Cross patèe fitched on the foot Sable* [*sic*] And for a Creast *on a Helmet & wreath of his Colours a demy Lyon ramp^t^ Or Charged as aforesaid Mantled gules doubled Argent* as in the Margent more Liuely is depicted, w^ch^ Armes & Crest I the King of Armes afore said, by power & authority of my Office to me Comited

* For the arms see *Visitation of Shropshire*, 1623, in Harl. Soc., xxix, 372.—[Ed.]

vnder the greate Seale of England do by theis p^r^sents assigne giue & grant vnto the said S^r^ Robert Newton and to his brother Richard & Thomas Newton (the sons of Thomas Newton of Easton in the County of Northampton) and to their posterity to be by them & every of them borne with their due differences according to the Lawe of Armes for ever. In Witnes &c. 14 febr. 13 Cha: 2.

Edward Bysshe Clarenceux King of Armes.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO EDWARD NOSWORTHY OF TRURO, CO. CORNWALL, ESQ., BY SIR EDWARD BYSSHE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 27TH JUNE, 1661.

[Harl. MS. 1172, fo. 28.]

To all and singuler unto whom these presents shall come, Edward Byshe K^t^ Clarenceux King of Armes of the South East and West partes of this Realme of England, from the Riuer of Trent Southward sendeth Greeting, Know yee that forasmuch as it hath beene an Antient Custome and soe continued, in all Countryes and common Wealths, well gouerned that the honerable Actions and vertuous Endeauors of Worthy men haue from time to time been Remembred and Recomended to posterity, by certaine tokens and remembrances of Honner commonly called Armes being the outward demonstrations of theire inward virtues, inciting others by theire laudable workes and worthy Atcheiuments during this transitory life which said tokens of Honner are diuersly distributed according to the qualities of the parties soe demeriting the same to the end that such as haue done comendable seruice to theire Prince or Country, either in Warr or peace, may therefore both receiue due honner and Estimation in this life and deriue and conuey the same to there ofspring and posterity for Euer, in which respects whereas Edward Nosworthy of Truro in the County of Cornwall Esq^e^ sonne of Francis sonne of John Nosworthy hath desired mee to assigne vnto him such Armes and Creast as hee and his posterity may Lawfully beare. Know yee therefore that I haue thought fitt to assigne unto him the Armes & Creast hereafter mentioned uiz: *de Sable an Cheuron & pile D'or vuidée au cœur Du champ*, & for a Creast *on a Helmett and wreath of his Collours, un teste de Licorne arracheéd hermines Accolleé D'une Couronne & Accornne'e D'or, Mantled Gules doubled Argent* as in the Mergent* more liuely is depicted which Armes and Creast I the said Edward Byshe Clarenceux King of Armes by the power & Authority of my office comitted to mee under the great seale of England doe by these presents declare Assigne giue grant & confirme unto the afforesaid Edward Nosworthy and to the Issue of his body lawfully begotten by them and euery of them borne w^th^ theire due differances according to the law of Armes for Euer; In witnesse whereof I haue unto these presents affixed the seale of my office and subscribed my name the 27^th^ of June in the 13 yeare of the Reigne of our Soueraigne lord Charle by the grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland defender of the Faith &c.

Edward Byshe, Clarenceux,
King of Armes.

* Trick of arms, with crest, shows *Gules, a pile and chevron or, counterchanged of the field.*—[ED.]

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO THOMAS NURSE, DOCTOR IN PHYSIC, BY SIR EDWARD WALKER, GARTER, DATED 15TH APRIL, 1662. [Harl. MS. 1172, fo. 30.]

To all and Singuler, unto whom these presents shall come, S^r^ Edward Walker Knight Garter Principall King of Armes of Englishmen sendeth greeting It hath been the Custome in all times and most Consonant to justice and reason that such persons as by there wisedome learning Courage & Loyalty haue well deserued of there Prince and Countrey should bee by some particuler Markes and Rewardes distinguished from Vulgar and Inferiour People amongst which the bearing of Armes hath for many Ages been in highest honour & esteeme the which haue beene distributed according to the worthiness of the persons deseruing the same as fitt markes of Honour whilest they liue & as proper inducements to incite there posterity to pursue the footstepps of there Ancestors from whom they deriue the same in all noblenesse and vertue and whereas Thomas Nurse Doctor in Phisick, Sonne of John Nurse sometime Alderman of the Towne of Leicester hath not only by his singuler learning and long experience attained the just esteeme of being excellent in his profession & hauing passed through all the degrees of that Science in the uniuersity of Oxford hath practised the same by the space of two and twenty yeares in this Citty of London but hath withall in the late unhappy times been in his Station an assertor of the Royall interest whereby hee may justly claime some particuler mark of Honour to euidence the same unto all posterity, Know yee therefore that I the said S^r^ Edward Walker, Knight Garter principall King of Armes by the power and authority annexed unto my office of Garter & confirmed unto mee by Letters Pattents under the great Seale of England haue giuen granted and assigned and doe by these pressents giue grant & assigne unto him the said Doctor Thomas Nurse, & to his heires & descendants for euer the coat of Armes & Crest hearafter mentioned vizt: *Argent on a Fesse betweene two Cheuerons Gules three Ducall Crownes Or*, And for his Crest *upon an Helmett proper mantled Gulles doubled Argent out of a Ducall Crowne Or a hand proper holding three Snakes Vert*, As in the Margent more liuely is depicted the which Armes & Creast the said Doctor Thomas Nurse, and the heires & seuerall descendants of his body for euer, bearing there due & proper differences, may & shall lawfully use beare & sett forth at all times upon all occasions according to the law & practice of Armes without the lett, or molestation of any persons whatsoeuer. In wittnesse whereof I haue hereunto subscribed my name & affixed the Seale of my Office this 15^th^ day of Aprill in the 14^th^ yeare of the Reigne of our Soueraigne Lord Charles the 2^d^ by the grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland defender of the Faith, Anno Dni: 1662 &c.

Edw: Walker
Garter.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO MARK OGLE OF EGLINGHAM, CO. NORTHUMBERLAND, GENTLEMAN, BY THOMAS HAWLEY, NORROY, DATED 18TH AUGUST, 1534.

[Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 401.]

To all Nobles and Gentels these p^{r}sent Letters heareing or reading Thomas Hawley alʒ Norry principall Herald and King of Armes of the North parts of this Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent Northward sendeth due humble comendacon & greetinge Equitie willeth and reason Ordaineth that men vertuous and of Noble Courage be by their Merritts and good renowne rewarded not only their persons in this Mortall Life soe breiffe and transitory but alsoe after them those that shalbe of their bodies discended to be in all places of honour perpetually with other renowned accepted and taken by certeyn demonstracons of honour and nobles (that is to say) Blazon helme and timber to the end that by their Examples others may the more Enforce themselues to haue ꝑseverence to use their daies in feats of Armes. And makes [? works] vertuous, to gett the renowne of Antient Noblenesse in their lines and posterities And therefore I Norry King of Armes as aboue is written, not onely by the common renowne, but alsoe by the report of others worthy to be taken of word and Creedence am certified and Informed that Marke Ogle of Eglingham in the County of Northumberland Gent is discended of a noble house of Musgrave in the said County, Yet neuerthelesse the said Marke not willing to doe any thing that should be p^{r}judiciall to any Gentlemen of Name and of Armes, hath desired me the said Norry King of Armes to Order, deuise, and sett forth his said Armes and Creast Lawfull to be borne with his due difference therefore I the said King of Armes as aboue is written, seing the request soe Gentle and reasonable and alsoe for the good seruice that ye said Marke hath at Sundry tymes done in Scotland against the King our Soũaigne Lords Enemies there manly and valiantly vseing himselfe for the which good seruice soe done, I the said Norry King of Armes seeing such quallities of vertue to be in him haue ordained and sett forth his said Armes, in Due Order and forme to be borne as hereafter followeth (That is to say) *Siluer a ffesse betweene 3 Cresants gules, the second quarter gould a Enscochyne azure and soe quarterly in a Cheiffe asure vi vnletts [annulets—*ED.*] gould iii; ii; & i; on all a Boston [Baton—*ED.*] in Billicke siluer, on his helme on a Torse siluer and sable an Arme armed in Male Issueing forth of a Circle gould, holding in the hand a Sword broken in the Midest, the Edge bloody, hylted & pomeld gould, mantled gules Doubled siluer* As more plainely appeareth depicted in this Margent, To haue and to hold to him and to his posterity for euermore In witnes whereof I the said King of Armes haue assigned this p^{r}sent pattent of Confirmacon and sett therevnto the seale of my Armes with the Seale of my office of Norry King of Armes, Dated at London the 18th day of August in the xxvith yeare of the Raigne of our dread Soueraigne Lord King Henry the Eight.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO PHILIP OKEOVER OF OKEOVER, CO. STAFF., ESQ., BY WILLIAM FLOWER, NORROY, DATED 6TH MARCH, 1585.*

[MS. Ashm. 844, fo. 61.]

Omnibus et singulis tam Regibus ad Arma siue Heraldis, quam nobilibus caeterisque hoc scriptum visuris, lecturis, vel audituris, Gulielmus Flower Armiger aliter dictus Norroy rex Armorum et principalis Heraldus partium regni Angliae Borealium vltra ripam fluuij de Trent, Salutem optat in Domino sempiternam. Quum generosus vir Philippus Okeover de Okeover in Comitatu Staffordiae Armiger ex praeclara et antiqua eiusdem cognominis familia in eodem Comitatu oriundus, obnixe me rogauerit, vt antiqua generis sui Insignia describerem, galeaeque in ornamentum Cristam aliquam idoneam illi insuper assignarem, quoniam Armis suis antiquis (quod plærunque et alijs accidit) nihil tale spectare reperitur. Ego quidem praefatus Norroy rex Armorum vivo virtute ac omni humanitatis genere claro, deque Principe et Patria benemerito, gratificari cupiens, pro maiori et ampliori suo ornamento, Armis siue insignibus suis gentilicijs, *ex Herminis talentis tribus aureis in capite scuti rubeo conspicuis ac quarteriatim positis cum alijs duobus fæminarum haeredum iure coalescentibus, quorum prior colore sabulino argentoque per longum indentata, tertio Armorum concomitatur scuto, caerulei siue coelestini coloris, cum benda ex quinque losengis argentea; Vlterius in galeae condecoramentum pro apice seu crista dimidiati Draconis aligeri partem anteriorem ex Herminis e corona aurea sese erigentem addidi, dentibus ac vnguibus caeruleis bisulcaque lingua rubea terribilem; Vna cum mantellis siue appendicibus rubeis argento intrinsecus duplicatis et decoratis;* Ac pro pleniori noticia in margine praesentium suis metallis atque coloribus delineanda, illuminanda, depingendaque curaui. Quae quidem Insignia clypei antiqua, simul cum apice seu crista galeae imposita, caeterisque appendicibus, ego prænominatus Norroy rex Armorum, virtute et authoritate functionis et officij mei a Reginea Maiestate literis patentibus magno sigillo Angliae communitis mihi in hac parte concessae, dicto Philippo Okeover posterisque suis et posteritati Philippi Okeover patris ac genitoris sui addixi tradidi et inperpetuum confirmavi per præsentes, Vt sibi eisque liceat deinceps ijsdem Vti omnibus in locis cum suis differentijs iuxta Armorum leges et consuetudines approbatas [in clypeo, scuto, galea, paludamento, vexillo, pensili, sigillo, complemento armoriali, aut alio quovis modo honoris gratia, prout ijs libitum erit] pro eorum arbitrio, aliquo impedimento, contradictione, aut prohibitione, id vt ne fieri possit, non obstantibus. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium ego Norroy rex Armorum prædictus hijs presentibus manu mea propria subscripsi, et appensione sigilli officij mei prædicti hanc chartam corroboraui. Datum Londini sexto die mensis Martij. Anno Domini 1585, regni vero Serenissimae Reginae Elizabethae vicesimo octauo.

* In Glover's hand, many corrections and evidently a rough draft.—[ED.]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO LEWIS OWEN OF CREWTHYN, CO. CARNARVON, ESQ., SERJEANT OF THE LARDER TO THE KING (JAMES), BY WILLIAM SEGAR, GARTER, DATED 14TH MARCH, 1616.

[Egerton MS. 2586, fo. 226.]

To all and singulars Persons as well noble as others to whome theise presents shall come William Segar Garter Principall King of Armes sendeth his due comendations and greeting. Know yee that whereas aunciently from the begyning yt hath byn a custome in all Countryes and Comon Wealts well gouerned, that the bearing of certayne markes in Sheildes (comonly called Armes) haue byn and are, the onely signes and demonstracõns, either of prowess and valour atchyued in tymes of warr, or of good Life and civill conuersacõn vsed in tymes of peace diuersly distributed according to the deserts of ye persons meryting y^e^ same: So nowe amongst the which nomber I find Lewis Owen of Crewthyn in the County of Carnaruon Esq. yeoman of the Larder to Late Queene Elizabeth, and now Serieant of y^e^ same, to our Soueraigne Lord King James. The which said Lewis Owen is Lineally discended of Edenyuett Vaughan, Lord Steward of Wales to Prince Llewellyn ap Jorwerth, An^o^ 30 Hen: tertij Vidlt Lewis sonne to Owen sonne to Edenyuett, sonn to Evan, sonn to Howell, sonn to Evan sonne to Jorworth, sonne to Kennrick Vaughan, sonne to Kenrick sonne to the foresaid Edenyuett Vaughan, that first did beare y^e^ said Armes, as they stand quartred in y^e^ margent being truely collected and sett downe, according to the Records, and approued Authors of the Auntient Brittish Genealogies. And wanting further for an ornam^t^ vnto his said Coat Armor a conuenient Creast or Cognisance fitt to be borne, Hee the said Lewis Owen hath requested me the said Garter to appoint him such a one, as he may Lawfullye use, and beare without wrong doing or preiudise to any person or persons whatsoeuer which according to his due request I haue accomplished and graunted in manner and forme following, vizt *on a Healme forth of a wreath of his cullors an Armed Arme and hand holding a sarasins head by the pole* as is depicted.* All which said Armes & Creast I the said Garter doe by theise presents ratify confirme, and graunt unto the said Lewis Owen and to his heires foreuer and that it shalbe lawfull for him and them (with their due differences) to vse beare and shew forth the same, att all tymes and in all places, at his and their free Liberty and pleasure. In wittnes whereof I the foresaid Garter haue hereunto sett my hand, and seale of Office the xiiii^th^ day of March 1616 in the fourtenthe yeare of ye raigne of our soueraigne Lord James by the grace of God King of great Brittayne, France and Ireland Defendor of the faith &c.

William Segar Garter.

* Trick of arms and crest in margin.—[Ed.]

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO WILLIAM PAGETT, CLERK OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL AND ONE OF THE FOUR CLERKS OF THE SIGNET, BY THOMAS HAWLEY, CLARENCEUX, DATED 1ST JUNE, 1541. [Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 406.]

To all Nobles and Gentills these p^r^sent letters readeing or heareing Thomas Hawley alias Clarenceulx principall Herald and King of Armes of the south east and west parts of this Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent Southward sendeth due and humble Comendac̃ons and greeting Equity willeth and reason Ordayneth that men Vertuous and of noble Courage be by theire Merritts and good renowne rewarded not alonly their persons in this Mortall Life soe breife and Transitory but after them those that shalbe of theire bodies discended to be in all places of hono^r^ ꝑpetually with other renowned, accepted, and taken by certeyne Ensignes & demonstrances of honour and Noblenes, (that is to say) Blazon, healme and tymbre to the end that theire Examples should cause others to Enforce theire selues to haue ꝑseuerance in vseing theire daies in feats of Armes, and workes vertuous to gett ye renowne of Antient Noblenesse in theire Lines and posterityes and wherefore I Clarenceulx King of Armes as aboue is written not alonly by the Common renowne but alsoe by the report and witnes of men worthy to be taken of words and Credence am plainely Certified and Enformed that Wiłłm Pagett borne in ye Citty of London Gent Clarke of the Kings Ma^ties^ Privy Councell and one of the fower Clarkes of his highnes signitt is discended of an house vndefamed and hath of Long tyme ꝑsued the Acts of Noblenesse, and workes vertuous, and in all his afaires borne himselfe so vertuously, and honestly in such sort, and manner that he hath well deserued to beare the tokens and Ensignes of hono^r^ (That is to say) Armes & the more worthyer for the high, and acceptable s^o^uyce don to ye Kings highnes, therefore he and all his posterity, to be in all places of hono^r^ receiued renowned Counted numbred and taken in the Company of other Antient Nobles and Gentills and for the remembrance of his good Gouernance and the p^r^misses aboue written I Clarenceulx King of Armes as aboue said by the Authority power & Lycence of the King our Soũaigne Lord his highnes by Expresse words vnder his most noble great seale granted to me & to my office Clarenceulx King of Armes haue deuised, Ordeyned, and assigned, to the said Wiłłm Pagett and his posterity, Blazen, healme, & Tymbre, in manner as hereafter followeth (that is to say) *Azure, a Crosse Engrailed gould betweene fower close Egletts Siluer, on a wreath Siluer & Gules, on a demy Tygre gould and sable party p'pall fower Drops Enterchanged of the same langued & Armed Gules supporting in his pawes a Branch of peach two Leaued vert, the peaches in their kinde* as more playnely appeareth depicted in this Margent* To haue and to hold vnto the said Wiłłm Pagitt, and his posterity and they that to vse and enjoye to their Worr̃pps for euermore In witnes whereof I Clarenceulx King of Armes as afore is written haue signed these p^r^sents with my hand and sett there vnto the Seale of my Armes with ye Seale of my office of Clarenc̃ King of Armes giuen at London the first day of June in the yeare of our Lord god 1541 And of the King our Soũaigne Lord Henry the Eight the xxxiii^th^ of his most noble Raigne.

* There is no trick in the margin, and in several respects the MS. seems defective.—[Ed.]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST BY LETTERS PATENT FROM THE KING [EDWARD VI] TO SIR WILLIAM PAGET, LORD OF BEAUDESERT, UNDATED.

[MS. Ashm. 834, fo. 45*b*.]

Edwarde the Sixte by the grace of god Kinge of England ffraunce and Ireland defendor of the faith and in yerth of the church of England and Ireland supreme heede. To all and singuler Nobles and gentlemē Kinges of Armes heraultes and other officers of Armes vnto whome these our letters Pattentꝭ shall come greetinge. ffor asmuch as aunciently from the beginninge it hath beene devised and ordeyned that the valiaunt and vertuous actes of excellent persons should be notoriouslie cōmended to the world with sondrie monumentes and remembraunces of their good desertes emonge the which one of the chiefest and most vsuall hath bene the bearinge of signes and tokens in shildes called armes the which are none other thingꝭ then evidencꝭ and demonstracōns of prowes and valewre diversly distributed accordinge to the qualeties and desertꝭ of the persons that such signes and tokens of the diligent faithfull and coragious might appere before the negligent coward and ignorāt and be an efficient cause to move stirre and kindle the hartes of men to the Imitacōn of vertue and noblenes We not myndinge the derogacōn or takinge awaye of any parte of thauctoretie of so auncient an ordre but rather tendringe the mayntenaunce therof to thintent, that such as have done cōmendable service, to their prince and Countre ether in warre or in peace may both receve due honor, in their lives and derive the same successively to their posteretie after them, We ar contented and pleased vpon consideracōn that our right trustie and welbeloved Sr William Paget knight Lord Paget of Beaudesert hath bene heretofore aswell by our most deere father Kinge Henry the viijth of most famous memorie as by vs in our tyme advaunced, and called to the place of honour for his woorthie and comendable service entendinge to have the same notefied by signes and tokens of nobiletie sett foorth in due order, and therfore by thadvice and good report of our right trustie and right entierly beloved Cosen and Counsellour Johñ duke of Northumberland our highe Marshall of England We have given, granted, confirmed, ratefied, established, and by these presentes do give, graūte, confirme ratefie and establishe vnto our said right trustie and welbeloved Sr William Paget knight lord Paget of Beaudesert, and to his posteritie for ever, the same signes and tokens in shildes called armes with their appurtenaunce which he hertofore had receved of one of our Kinges of Armes which had none auctoretie for the same, that is to say *sables a crose engraled betwene iiij eglettes argent vpon the crose v lyonseux passant Sable armed and langed gulz*, and to the crest *vpon the helme a demy tigre sable rampant fashed tothed with a crowne about the necke argent vpon a wreth argent and sable manteled of the same*, Which Armes and crest in consideracion aforesaid we have given, graunted, confirmed, ratefied and established vnto and for the said Sr William and to his posteretie, the Armes and crest aforesaid with appurtenaunce to vse beare and shew for ever more in shild cote armoure, or other wyse, and therin to be revested at his libertie and pleasure, with out any impediment, let or interruption, In witnesse wherof [we have cawsid thes our

ires to be made pattentꝭ wytnes our selfe at Westmr the . . . . . of . . . . . in the . . . . . yere of or Reigne & in the . . . . . yere of or lord god (Ms. Ashm. 844 II, fo. 25*b*).]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO WILLIAM PALMER OF HILL, CO. BEDFORD, ESQ., BY SIR RICHARD ST. GEORGE, CLARENCEUX, DATED . . . . . FEB., 1634.

[Harl. MS. 4600, fo. 59.]

To all and singular as well noble men and gent. as others to whom theis presents shall come Sr Richard St George Kt Clareñ principall Kinge of Armes of the South east and west pts of this Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent Southward sendeth greeting Know yee that wheras aunciently from the begining the vertuous Acts of worthy psons haue been commended to the world wth sundry monuments, and remembrances of their good deserts emongst the which the cheifest and most vsuall hath ben the beareing of signes and tokens in sheilds called Armes, which are euident demonstracõns and testimonies of worthinesse diuersly distributed acording to the qualitie & deserts of the psons meriting the same; which order as it was prudently deuised at the first to stirr vp and inflame the hearts of men to the immitation of vertue euen soe hath the same byn, and yet is continued to the intent that such that haue done comendable seruice to their prince and Countrie either in warr or peace may thereby receiue due honour in their liues and likewise deriue the same successiuely to their posteritie for euer, wherefore being at this tyme required by William Palmer of Hill in the County of Bedford Esq: one of the Justices of the Peace in the said County sone of Robert Palmer of the same place gent to emblazon and set forth his Armes, and assigne him a crest in such manner as he may vse and beare the same without preiudice vnto any other which iust and reasonable request of his I haue condiscended vnto and blason them as followeth (vizt) *a feild argent two barres gules each charged with three escallops or, in cheif a greyhound currant sable,* and for his creast I doe assigne him *vpon a healme and wreath of his Collours a demy greyhound iesant* [*sejant*—Ed.] *sa. supporting an escollop betweene the two pawes or mantelled gules doubled argent* as more planely appeareth depicted in the margent* hereof, which Armes and crest and euery pt and pcell thereof I the said Clarenceux Kinge of Armes doe by these presents ratifie, confirme and grant unto the said William Palmer and to his posteritie for euer vseing their due differences according to the lawes of Armes and laudables customes of this Realme of England, and that he and his posteritie the same may vse beare and shew forth at all tymes and in all places whether it be in pennon, Hatchment or coate armour or vpon plate, Jewells grauestones Monuments or in glass or any other painting not discrepant to the lawes and ordinances of Armes wthout the

* Trick of arms and crest in margin.

The Visitation of London, 1633 (Harleian Society, vol. xvii, p. 141), gives *argent, two bars sable charged with three trefoils of the field, 2 and 1: in chief a greyhound courant Sable collared or;* Crest, *on a mount vert a greyhound sejant Sable, collared or, on the shoulder a trefoil argent.*

The Visitation of Bedfordshire, 1634 (Harleian Society, vol. xix, p. 130), gives *argent, two bars gules charged with three trefoils of the field, 2 and 1: in chief a greyhound courant sable, collared or.* Crest, same as in Visitation of London.—[Ed.]

let impediment or interuption of eney ꝑson or ꝑsons whatsoeuer, In witnesse whereof I haue herevnto set my hand, and seale of my Office the . . . . . day of ffebruary aº 1634, and in the 10th yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord Kinge Charles.

Ri Sᵗ George Clarenceux.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO THE CONFRATERNITY FOUNDED IN THE CHAPEL OF THE GUILDHALL WITHIN THE CITY OF LONDON IN HONOUR OF OUR LORD GOD, THE VIRGIN MARY, AND ST. NICHOLAS, BY THOMAS [HOLME], CLARENCEUX, DATED 16TH JULY, 22 EDWARD IV (1482).

[From original Grant in College of Arms, where it is also entered in Grants Book II, 438.]

To al true Xr̃ien people thies presentes ℔res reding hering or seeing I thomas Clarenceu Knight & King of Armes of the South parties of this Realme of England sende due & humble Recom̃endacon & greting as it appteigneth in our lord god eũlasting: Whereas Walter Bellenger othrewise called Ireland King of Armes of the Land of Ireland had yeuen & graunted by his ℔res undre his signe & seel of his Office unto Symon Mayew & Henry Empson Maisters for the time being of the Confraternitie founded in the Chapell of the Guyldhall within the Citie of London in the honeur of our lord god, our blessed Lady Marie the Virgin his modre & of Seint Nicholas the Armes heraftre folowing having noon auctoritie by vertue of his said office eny such or othre Armes to distribute or yeue to eny ꝑsonne or ꝑsonnes ffraternitie or place within the precinte of my Jurisdiction, that is to say within the said South ꝑties of Antiquitie lymited & p̃fixed. I neuertheles seing the vnlaufull & insufficient graunt haue vtterly adnulled & dampned the same and wol yat it be frustrate & voide & of noon effect. And at thinstaunce Request & desire of the said Maisters I the said King of Armes by the power & auctoritie to myn office in this ꝑtie annexed & attributed, seing & considering their good & laudable disposicions set & grounded upon honeur & nobles, have yeuven & graunted unto them & their Successors the same Armes so to them before yeuven & graunted as above, That is to say *A sheld asur a chefe goules a flour de lice gold in the chefe the hede of a Leoparde of the same tonged goules two halywatr Sprencles of gold & silver ensautur upon all.* The Creste upon ye helme *sex halywater sprencles newed wt gold & silvr, the mantell asur & goules furred wt Ermyn,* as in the pictur̃ her̃ in the mergyn more plenly it doth appere. To have & hold the same Armes to John Delh̃m Robert Vernon now Maisters & to their Successours Maisters of the said Confraternitie & ffelasship, them to enjoye & vse at their pleasurs to their honeur peasibly without chalenge or interupcion for eũmore In Witness whereof I Clarenceu the said King of Armes of the said p̃ties of the South have signed thies ꝑsentꝫ wt myn owne hand and the same have sealed wt my seel of auctoritie At London the xvjth day of July the xxjj yere of the Reigne of our souvereigne Lord King Edward the fourth:

Clarenceu King of Armes

[with his personal mark composed of triangles].

Endorsed: 22 Ed. 4. A patent to the Masters of the Confraternity founded in y^e^ chappell of y^e^ Guildhall, London.

No. 1. The Armes of the Clerkys (*see next grant*—Ed.).

Vellum, 21 by 12½ inches. Illuminated initial letter, and coloured coat and crest in margin. Seal missing. This is one of the early grants by a named Herald, the date being 16 July, 22 Edw. IV (1482), about four months earlier than the grant by the same Herald to Thomas Northland, of Sussex, which is dated 10 Nov., 22 Edw. IV (1482). A coloured facsimile of the grant to Thos. Northland will be found in *Miscellanea Gen. et Her.*, Second Series, iv, 145.

At the back of this grant are several memoranda:

1. By Thomas Benolte, Clarenceux (*obiit* 1534), about confirmation and ratification of the above arms which, he says, were granted by his predecessor Thomas Hawkeslowe (*sic*), Clarenceux. This memorandum has at the foot the signature of Benolte, with his monogram or flourish.

2. Unsigned memorandum, written some time after the date of the patent, about steps taken to obtain confirmation and assurance thereof.

3. By Ralph Brooke, York Herald (*obiit* 1625), that Thomas Hawkeslowe above is a mistake by Benolte for Thomas Holme, and that Hawkeslowe's name was William.—[Ed.]

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO THE PARISH CLERKS COMPANY BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 30TH MARCH, 1582. [From the original at the Parish Clerks' Hall.]

To all and singuler as well Nobles and Gentills as others to whome these presents shall come Robert Cooke Esquier alias Clarencieulx principall Heiault and Kinge of Armes of the Sowth East and West partes of this Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent southwardes sendith greetinge in oure Lord God Everlastinge Wher as aunciently from the begiñinge the vertuous lyves of credible and honest Persons, have ben cõmended to the worlde with sondry monuments and Remembrances of their good Deseartes Amongest the whiche the chiefest and most vsuall hathe ben the bearynge of Signes and Tokens in Shieldes called Armes Whiche Order as it was prudently devysed in the begiñinge to stirre and kyndle mens hartes to the imytation of vertue and Godlines Even so hathe the same ben and yeat is continuallye observed to thend that suche as have lyved in puer faythe towardes God, with a good and trew harte to their Prince and Contrye, maye both receave due honor in their Lives and also deryve the same successivellye to their posteritye forever And wher as Thomas Clarencieulx Knight and Kynge of Armes By his Lr̃es Pattentt dated the xxij^th^ yeare of the Raigne of Kinge Edward the fourth dyd geue and graunte unto the Confraternitye, Fellowshippe and Companye of the Parrishe Clarkes of the Cittye of London new armes with healme and Creast,which Armes being over muche charged with certayne superstion deuysed contrary to the laudable and cõmendable manner of bearinge of Armes I the afore sayde Robert Cooke alias Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes, at the request of Thomas Gylles and Christopher Dickenson maisters, and Vincent Harman and Robert Edwards, Wardens, and all the Assystance of the sayde Companye have thought good to reforme and alter the sayde Armes and Creast In manner and form followinge That is to saye, *The feyld Azur a flowerdelice goulde, On a chieffe gules, a Leopardes head betwene two prick songe bookes of the second, The Laces that bynde the Bookes vert.* And to the Creast *uppon*

the healme on a wreathe gules and azur an Arme from the elbow upward houlding a pricke songe booke [illegible] *all propper Mantelled goulde Ermyn gules and azur*, As more plainly appearithe depicted in the margenth* And which armes, and Creast and every parte and percell their of I the sayde Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes do by these pntes Ratiffye, Confirme, geue, and graunte unto the sayd Thomas Gyles and Christopher Dickenson Maysters and to Vyncent Harman and Robert Edwardes Wardens, and to William Braynwood, Lorance Barrett, Richard Clarke, Henry Mudde, William Swayne, John Ramsey, John Sharpe, John Meers, George Moltt, Robert Aldridge, Jasper Phillipps, Clement Holmes, William Baker, Walter Hedley and John Skipworthe [?] Assistances of the sayde Companye of Parryshe Clarkes in the Cittye of London, and to their Successors in like place and office And they the same to vse beare and shewe forthe in Shielde Banner Standerd Pennon or Pensells, to their further Estimation or Creditt Att all tymes hereafter at their Libertye and pleazure, accordinge to the auncient Lawes of Armes, with oute Impedimentt Lett or Interruption of any person or persons. In Witnesse wheirof I the sayde Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes have signed these presents with my hande and haue sett hereunto the Sealle of my office the xxxth daye of Marche año Dom. 1582 and in the xxiiijth yeare of the Raigne of oure Soueraigne Ladye By the Grace of God of England Fraunce and Irelande Queene Deffendres of the faythe &c.

Rob^{t} Cooke alias Clarenceulx
Roy Darmes.

At the foot of the grant there is pasted a slip of paper on which is written: "Seene and approved in the Visitacon of London made 1634.

Hen: S^{t} George Richmond."

GRANT OF A CREST TO JAMES PARKINSON (ALS. FETHERSTONE) OF CO. WESTMORLAND IN THE BARONY OF KENDAL, GENTLEMAN, BY SIR GILBERT DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 17TH MAY, 1566. [Cotton MS. Faustina E. 1, fo. 18*b*.]

To all nobles and Gentiles these p̃nte lr̃es Reading hearing or seinge S^{r} Gilbart Dethicke knight aꝉ Garter principall King of Armes Sendethe dewe humble com̃endations and greating Equitie willeth and Reason ordayneth that men verteouse and of noble corrage be by there Demerites and good Renowne Rewarded not only in theyr persons in this mortall lyfe so breffe and transitorie but also after them those that shalbe of theyr boddies descended to be in all places of honor wth all nobles and gentelles admitted accepted and taken by certayne ensignes and demonstrances of hono^{r} and noblenesse That is to saye Blason healme and tymber and for as mouche as James Parkinson aꝉ fetherstone gentilman in the countie of westmerland and in the Barronie of Kendall is descendid of an auncient house longe tyme bearing Armes neverthelesse he being a younger brother and also he being vncertayne vnder what fourme

* In the margin there is a coloured coat and crest, in which the holy water sprinklers in the preceding grant have been abolished and song books substituted.—[Ed.]

and mañ his predicessours bare there creast hath earnestly required me the said garter to devise and appoynt to his Armes a creast dewe and leffull to be borne I seing his Request bothe Just and Reasonable by the aucthoritie and power geven and graunted to me and to my offyce of garter principall King of Armes vnder the most noble greate sealle of England have Devised and sett fourth to his Armes a Creast Dewe and leffull to be borne that is to saye *vppon his healmet on a torsse silũ and geules a demy teager* [?] *silũ holding in his pawes a sword broken the hilt and pomell gold and aboute his necke a coller sables studdea and Ringed gold* as more playnely appereth depicted in this margent To haue and to hold the said Creast to the said James Parkinson alʒ fetherstone gentelman and to his posteritie and they to vse and enioye yt for evermore In wytnes whereof I the said garter principall Kinge of Armes have Signed these wth my one hand and haue sett therto the seale of my Armes wth the Seale of the offyce of the said garter principall King of Armes Yeven and graunted at London the xvii daye of maye a^{o} 1566.

The MS. is a somewhat rough draft with various corrections.—[Ed.]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO ISSABELL [ASHABELL] PARTRIGE OF LONDON, ESQ., ONE OF THE CHIEF AND PRINCIPAL GOLDSMITHS TO QUEEN ELIZABETH, BY WILLIAM HERVEY, CLARENCEUX, DATED 30th APRIL, 1559.

[Harl. MS. 1172, fo. 45.]

To all and Singuler as well Kinges Heraulds and Officers of Armes as Nobles Gentlemen and others which these Pres^{nts} shall heare or see William Heruey Esq^{e} otherwise called Clarenceux Principle Herauld and King of Armes of y^{e} South East and west Partes of England from the Riuer of Trent Southward Sendeth due Commendations and Greeteing: ffor as much as Auntiently from y^{e} begining the Valiant and Vertuous Actes of Excelent Persons haue bin Comended to the world with Sundrie Monuments and Remembrances of their good desarts among the which one of y^{e} Cheifest and most vsuall hath bin y^{e} beareing of Signes and Tokens in Sheildes called Armes the which are knowne other thinges then Euidences and Demonstrations of Proofes of Valour diuersly distributed according to y^{e} Qualities and Desearts of y^{e} Persons that such Signes and Tokens of y^{e} Diligent ffaithfull and Couragious might Appeare before the negligent Coward and Ignorant and bee a Sufficient Cause to moue Stirre and Kindle the Hearts of Men to the Immitation of Vertue and Noblenesse Euen so hath the same bin and yet is continnually obserued to the Intent that such as haue done Comendable Seruice to their Prince or Cuntrey either in Warr or Peace may both Receiue due Honour in their Liues and allso deriue the same successiuely to their Posterity after them And being Required of Issabell Partrige of London Esq^{e} att this Present one of the Cheife and Principall Gouldsmiths unto the Most Excelent Princes Elizabeth Queene of England to make search in y^{e} Registers and Recordes of myne Office for the Auntient Armes belonging to

that Name and ffamily And I found the same which from the begining appertaned and belonged unto the Name and ffamily whereof hee is descended and for as much as the Merrit of his True ffaithfull and Comendable seruice done to the Queenes Majestie his Mistris hath bin such as his ffamilie might rather seeme to be Enobled by his Worthynesse then to haue ffame and Nobilitie unto him giuen considering also his Auncestors Vertue so well begun and so long continued I could not without their greate Injury Assigne unto him any other Armes then those which belonged to the House and ffamilie whereof hee is descended like as the other Parte for his Worthynesse I could not but Augment the same with some new Additions and Tokens whereof in Perpetuall Memory as well of the Power and Vertue Reuiued in that Parson as by the Nobilitie deriued from his Auncestors I haue Confirmed and Granted to him and his Posterity these Armes with the Appurtenances hereafter following That is to say *Gules a Bend Argent betwene Two Lyons Rampant Gould on The Bend Three Popingers Vert;* And to his Crest *upon the Healme on A Wreath Argent and Sable Issuing out of A Double Rose Gules [A] Barbed Vert a Lyons Head Goulde Mantled Gules Doubled Argent;* as more Plainly Appeareth depicted in the Margent* which Armes and Crest I the said Clarenceux King of Armes haue Ratified and Confirmed giuen and granted unto the said Issabell Partrige of London Esq^e^ To haue and to hould unto the said Issabell Partrige Esq^e^ and to his Posterity for euer more to use beare and shew in Sheild Coate Armour or otherwise and therein to be reuerst att his or their Libertie & Pleasure without Impediment lett or Interruption of any Person or Persons In wittnesse whereof I the said Clarenceux King of Armes haue signed these presentes with my hand and put thereunto the seale of myne Office and my Armes Giuen att London the last day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord God 1559 and in the ffirst yeare of the Reigne of our moste Dread Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth.

By the Grace of God Queene of England ffrance and Ireland Defender of the ffaith: &c.

William Heruy: alʒ Clarenceux
King of Armes.

GRANT OF A CREST TO JOHN PAYN (ALIAS GYBON), D.C.L., MASTER IN CHANCERY, BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 24TH NOV., 1570. [MS. Ashm. 844, II, fo. 48.]

To all and singuler as well nobles and gentils, as others, to whome these presentes shall come, be seene, read, heard or vnd^r^stand Robert Cooke Esquyre alʒ Clarencieulx kinge of Armes of the East, west and South partes of England on this syde the ryver of Trent, sendith greetinge in our lord god everlastinge. For as much as auncyently from the beginninge the valiaunt and vertuouse actes of excellent ꝑsones haue ben com̃endid to the world and posteryte with sondrey monumentes and remembrances of their goode deseartes: emongest the which the chiefest and most vsuall hath ben the bearinge of signes in shyldes called

* Trick of arms and crest in Add. MS. 14295, fo. 90, where there is another copy of the grant, and this note, bearing the signature of Henry St. George: "This was produced at Portsmouth by Mr. Curtis but it was only a copy."—[ED.]

Armes beinge none other thinges, then demonstracõns and tokens of prowesse and valoir dyversly distributed accordinge to the qualytes and deseartes of the parsonnes merytinge the same. To th'entent that such as by their vertues do shew foorth to th'advauncement of the cõmon weale, the shyne and brightnesse of their goode lyfe and conversation, in dayly practyse of thinges worthy and cõmendable (which in deede ar the true and perfect tokens of a noble disposition) may therfore receyve due honor in their lyves, and also deryve and contynew the same successyvely in their posterytie for ever. Emongest the which nomber John Payn alias Gybon Doctor of the Ciuill Law one of the Advocates of the Court of the Arches and one of the Maisters of the Queenes Maties high court of Chauncery beinge one of the Bearers of those tokens of honor. And yet not knowinge for certeyn of eny Creast or Cognisance belonginge or aperteyninge to his Armes (as to very meny auncyent Coates of Armes ther ar none) hath requyred me the sayd Clarencieulx kinge of Armes to assigne vnto him a Creast or cognisance meete & lawfull to be borne without preiudice or offence to eny other parson. In consideration wherof, and for a further declaration of the worthynesse of the sayd John Payn alꝭ Gybon, I the sayd Clarencieulx kinge of Armes by power and aucthorytie to me cõmittyd by letters Patentes vndr the greate Seale of England haue assigned gyven and grauntyd vnto the sayd John Payn alꝭ Gybon vnto his sayd auncyent Armes* for his Creast and Cognoysance *vpon a heaulme on a Torce gold and gules A Tygres hedde gold languyd tuskyd and maned gules, thre crosse patyes sable in triangle. Manteled gules doubled argent* as more playnely appeerith depicted in this margent. Which Creast or Cognoysance and every part and parcell therof I the sayd Clarencieulx kinge of Armes do by these presentes ratify confyrme gyve and graunt vnto the sayd John Payn alꝭ Gybon and to his posterytie for ever. And he and they the same to haue, hold, vse, beare, enioy and shew foorth at all tymes and for ever heerafter at his and their libertie and pleasure, without the impediment lette or interruption of eny person or personnes. In witnesse wherof I the sayd Clarencieulx kinge of Armes haue signed these presentes with my hand, and sette thervnto my Seale of Armes the 24 day of November anno Domini, 1570.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO PEIRES PENNANT, ONE OF THE FOUR GENTLEMEN USHERS TO QUEEN ELIZABETH AND TO THE ISSUE OF HUGH, HIS FATHER, BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 2ND MAY, 1580. [Harl. MS. 1972, fo. 30.]

To all & singular as well nobles & Gentiles as others, to whom these prsents shall come Robt. Cooke Esq. alꝭ Clarentieux principall Hereauld & Kinge of Armes of the South East & weast partes of this Realme of England, from the riũ of Trent Southwardes sendeth greetinge. Where as aunciently frõ the begininge [of] valiant & vertuous acts of excellent psons haue bine cõmanded

* *Gu. a lion rampant or, debruised by a bend arg. charged with three crosses pattée sable.* Guillim, 6th ed., p. 273.—[Ed.]

vnto the world wth sundry Monuments & rem̃brances of their good desearts, emongest y^{e} w^{ch} the chiefest & most vsuall hath bene the bearinge of signes & tokens in sheildes called Armes, w^{ch} are none other then demonstrac̃ons of prowes & valour diuersly distributed accordinge to the quallities & deseartes of the parsons entitled thereto. Where as Pyers Pennant one of the fowre gentlemen vshers to the Queenes most excellent Maiesty is one of the true & lawfull bearers of these tokens of honor as to him Lyneally dyssendyd frō his Auncẽtors who by the space of a verry longe & auncient tyme, as may appeare by the Regesters & recordes of myne office, haue for their family & surname of Peñant in the parts of Wales, borne these Cotes followinge viz: the first *p'ty p' bend sinister Ermen & Ermyne a Lion ramp^{t} gould langued & armed gules*, & for his second cote by the name of Yswitan Wyddell *the feild siluer three barres wauey azure,* on the midle Barre three Sheldrakes of the first;* & for his Third Cote by the name of† Phillip Phichdan, *the fyeld azure three bores in pale Siluer*, & for his fowrth cote by the name of Griffith Lloyd, *the fyeld siluer on a bend azure three fflower de lucis of the feild.* And Nevertheles he Knoweth not of any Creast or cognoisance p̄ ply belonging to the same, as to many very auncient Armes are none, he the said Pyers Pennant hath required me the sd̄ Clarencieux Kinge of Armes to deliuer vnto him vnder my hand & seale of my office his said auncient armes wth a creast or cognoisance mete & lawfull to be borne without preiudice or offence to any other parson. ffor the Accomplishment whereof I the sd̄ Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes by power and authority to me com̃itted by Lr̃es pattents vnd^{r} the great seale of Engl: haue assigned giuen & graunted vnto the sd̄ Pyers Peñant to his said auncient Armes for his Creast or Cognoysance as followeth, That is to say, *vppon the healme out of a Crowne an Antelops head siluer hornes fflashed & maned gould manteled gules doubled siluer*, as more playnly appeareth depicted in this Margent: which Creast or Cognoysance‡ I the said Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes doe by these p^{r}sents Ratiffy confirme geue & graunt vnto the said Pyers Peñant gentleman, & to his posterritie & to the posterrity of Hugh Peñant gentleman his father with their due differencis, & he & they the same Armes & Creast to vse beare & shew forth in Shield Cote Armour or otherwise at his & theire liberty & pleasure according to all auncient lawes of Armes without the Jmpediment let or Interrupc̃on of any p̄son or p̄sones In Wittnes whereof I the said Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes haue signed these p^{r}sents with my hand & haue sett herevnto the seale of myne office the second day of may in the yeare of our Lord 1580 & in the 22th yeare of the reigne of our Soũeigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of Engl̄ ffrance & Ireland Queene deffendres of the fayth &c:

Rob^{t} Cook Alias Clarencieulx King of Armes.

Note at foot of MS.:

Notwithstanding this patent they haue borne the second Coate for their paternall coate & doe beare it to this day 1667.

* Interpolated in margin: "In the patent the Sheldrakes are painted with their heads aboue the midle barre & the feete streched out to their tailes as if they were swiminge."

† Interpolated in margin: "Mistaken for this is Yonas ap Grouo, his coate."

‡ In the choir at Hornchurch, co. Essex, there is a monumental brass with "Inscription and achievement of Peerce Pennaunte, Esq., servant to Edw. VI and Queen Mary, gentleman usher for 32 years to Queen Elizth., 1590, aged 70." (*Monumental Brasses in the British Isles*, by Mill Stephenson, F.S.A., and *Transactions of Essex Archæological Society*, N.S., xi, 332.)—Ed.

GRANT [?] OF ARMS AND CREST TO THOMAS PHILLIPPS, ESQ., CAPTAIN OF 100 FOOT, BY DANIEL MOLINEUX, ULSTER KING OF ARMS, DATED 15TH OCT., 1606 [1600 in Stowe MS. 703, fo. 60*b*].

[Harl. MS. 1441, fo. 104*b*.]

A Pattant by Daniell Mulenuex otherwayes called Vlster Principall herald and Kinge of Armes of the Realme of Irland.

Thomas Phillepes Esquir Captayne of an Hvndreth foote hath for the space of 20 yeares and vpwardes with much vallor and fortetude Behaued himselfe in matteres of Armes both In frannce whear hee had Commaund of horse And was for his good desertes Continewed in Seruis By the Espesiall fauour of the Most Excelent Prince Henrey the 4th of that name King of frannce and Nauare for x whole yeares to gether: as also in Irland whear hee discharged the Place of a very discreete and valiante Comaunder at all times In all Places when ocation was offred in so much that By his greate Industrey and Continuall trauill in Spane Portingall Italy and Affrica, he hath not only furnished himselfe with diueres good partes more fitt and Behiffull for the necarye Seruise of his Prince and Contrey Both by Sea and land Accordinge to his place and quallitie in all Commedabl manner, and Rupetation With the Beste of his Rancke from the time of his youth hetherto and is like to Continew By his pattant vnder the greate Seall of Ierland . . . . . Thomas Philipes and to his posteritie thes Armes and Creast that is to say: *Barriwise of* 6 *peces Band Ar. waiud on a cheife or a lyon passant Sa. incensed guels collared of the* 3d And for his Creaste or Cognisance *on the helme vpon a wrethe or and sa. an arme armed houlding a Broken Launce prop' Semy Luces or mantred g dubled Ar.* giuen at Dublyn vnder my hand and seall of my officies indorced with my Armes ye 15 of October 1606 [*sic*].*

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN PICTON OF THE COUNTY OF CHESTER, GENTLEMAN, BY THOMAS [HOLME], CLARENCEUX, DATED . . . . . , 1486, 1 HENRY VII.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 236.]

To all true xp̃en people these pr̃sent ires reeding heering or seeing: I Thomas Clarenceu principall herauld and King of Armes of all the south partes of this Realme of England sende due and humble recomendac̃ons and greeting as it belongeth in our Lord God euerlasting fforasmuch as many persons of their noble & gentle courage, be moued & stirred to exercise good vertues and Comendable maners and noble condicions, by the which with gods grace they shall nowe atteigne vnto the perfection of great honor & noblenes of which persons, one there is in especiall called John Picton, borne of the county of Chester gent. whose Ancestors were most in habit in the same county, by whom I the said

* The MS. is evidently defective. In the margin there is a trick of the arms and crest, in which the *broken lance* has a *semé of Flowers de Luce*.—[Ed.]

King of Armes, haue been tenderly prayed & required to make throw serch for the uery Armes of his predecessors, at whose instance I haue soe done, with all goodly dilligence, and haue founde that the right Armes of the said John Picton, and his Predecessors bee theise that is to saye: Hee beareth *sable a Lyon golde enarmed gules the feild gowty of the same Lyon, the creast vpon the healme halfe a Lyon gules enarmed golde, sett within a wreath gules & azure, the mantles sable gowty golde furred with ermyn* as more plainly appeareth here in the margin* depict. which Armes and Creast I the said King testifying the same, ratyfie and confirme vnto the said John and his posterity, he and they to haue occupye and enioye the same Armes and Crest, vowably in likewise as their ꝑdecessors haue done hertofore, and therin to bee reuested at their pleasures, to their honor without any empechment, interruption, or lett of any person or persons of the said prouince for euermore. In witness whereof, I the said King of Armes to these ꝑsents haue put to the seale of myne Armes of Authority, and signed the same with myne hand the yeere of our Lord God mcccclxxxvi and of our souereigne Lord King Henry 7 the firste yere.

Clarencew Kinge
of Armes.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO WILLIAM PITT OF THE PYRRY, CO. HEREFORD, GENTLEMAN, BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 25TH JUNE, 1570.

[Original Grant in the possession of Mrs. Baldwyn Childe, at Kyre Park, Co. Worcester.]

To all & Singular as well as nobles & gentlemen & others to whom these presents shall com Robert Cooke Esq. alias Clarencieux principall Herault & Kinge of Armes of the Southe easte & weste partes of this Realme of England from the river Trent Sowthwards sendeth greeting In our Lord God everlasting Whereas aunciently from the beginning the valiaunt & vertuous actes of worthy persons haue been comended to the world with sundry monuments & remembrances of their good deserts & amongst the which the chefest & most usuall hath ben the bearynge of signes In shildes caled armes which are euident demonstracon of prowes and valour dyversely distributed according to the qualities & descente of the persons which order as yt was prudently deuised in the begening to stir & fondell the hartes of men to the ymitation of vertue & nobles euen so hath the same ben & yet so continually obserued to thend that suche as haue don comendable servyce to their prince or contry either in warre or peace may both receaue due honor in their Liues and also deuise the same successiuely to their posteritie And Whereas Wyllm Pitt of the Pyrry in the countie of Hereford gentleman hath required me Clarencieux Kynge of Armes to make search in the registers & recordes of my office for suche armes & creast as he may lawfully beare without preiudiceng of any person, whereuppon I haue found that he may lawfully beare the armes and creast hereafter following that ys to saye *barry of ten peses gold and azur an urle of Inscochens siluer* and to his creast *on a*

* Trick of arms and crest in Harl. MS. 1359, fo. 51*b*.—[Ed.]

Torse gold & azur standing on a branch of oke a rowe buck in proper coolar, horned golde mantled gules doubled argent, as more playnly appeareth depicted on the margin To haue & holde the saide armes & creast unto the said Willm Pitt gentleman & to his posteritie with their dewe difference & they the same to use & beare and shew for euer In their cote armour or otherwise & therein to be reuested & his & their libertie & pleasure without prejudice let or interruption of any person or persons. In witnes whereof I haue set herewith my hande and seale the fyve and twentieth day of June in the yeare of oure Lord God a thousand fiue hundred and seuenty and in the 12th yere of the reign of our soue-reign lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England France & Ireland, defender of the faith &c.

Rob. Cooke Alias Clarencieux
Roy Darmes.

On vellum, effigy of herald, coloured border and arms.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO THOMAS POWELL OF WHITTINGTON, CO. SALOP, BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 5TH JULY, 1574.

[Add. MS. 14293, fo. 118.]

To all and Singuler as well nobles and Gentillmen as others to whome these prsente be seene herd read or understand Robert Cooke Esqr. als. Clarencieux principall Herauld & Kinge of Armes of ye Sowth East & West Partes of this Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent Southward sendeth greeting in our Lord God everlasting. Wheras Thomas Powell of Whittington in the Countie of Salop Esquier is descended of auncient familie whose Ancestors haue of a very long time born Ensighns and tokens of honour, That is to say Arms, which also by right of succesion do discend appertain and are likewise due unto him from his Ancestors of which Arms the Registers and Records of my office do in sundry places make perfect mention. And for the further Encrease of which the said Ensighns of honour upon good and just considerations me moving therto at the request of the said Thomas Powell Esquier by virtue power and Authoritie to me committed by Letters patent under the great seal of England haue assigned giuen and Granted unto the said Thomas Powell of Whittington Esqr. and to his issue and Posteritie for euer to their said Armes this Creast or Cogniscance thus blasd, as followeth *On a Torce gold and gules a star of six points the one argent the other or issuant out of a Cloud* as more plainly appeareth de-picted in this margent,* which Armes Creast or Cogniscance and euery Part and Parcell thereof I the said Clarencieux King of Arms do ratifie and confirm giue and grant unto the said Thomas Powell and to his issue and Posteritie for ever and they the same to haue hold use beare and enjoy and shew forth with their due difference at all times and for euer hereafter at their liberty and Pleasure without impediment let or interruption of any Person or Persons. In witness whereof I the said Clarencieux King of Arms haue sighn'd these Present with

* A rough trick in pencil of crest and arms, the latter being *quarterly* 1 *and* 4 . . . . . *a lion rampant* . . . . . 2 *and* 3 . . . . . *Six spear heads* 3 2 *and* 1 . . . . . —[Ed.]

my hand and set herunto the Seal of my office Giuen at London the 5 of July An. Dom: 1574 & in ye 21th [*sic*] year of the Reighn of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith.

Robert Cook alias Clarencieux
Roy Darmes.

GRANT OF ARMS TO MIGHELL POYNANT OF LONDON, GENTLEMAN, ONE OF THE CLERKS OF THE CHANCERY, BY CHRISTOPHER CARLYLE, NORROY, DATED 14TH MARCH, 1508.

[MS. Ashm. 846, p. 377, and another copy in MS. Ashm. 858, p. 221.]

To all cristen people thies present letters heryng seyng or redyng I Cristofer Carlyle otherwise callid Norrey principaℍ herawld & Kyng of Armes of the North parties of this Realme of Englond sende due & humble recomendac̃on in oure Lorde God everlasting. And where equytie willeth & also reason ordeyneth that men of Lawdable & vertuous conversacon & lyvyng be hadd in a perpetuall memory & whereas noblesse is oonys in a blood it may not be lost without to long continuance in slouth & vices Gayus fflamyneus seyth yt honest poverty taketh away no ꝑt of noblesse & ye Doctor Bartilmew in his Tretie of Tokens of Arms seyth yt if ye Armes be first ours they no maner of wise may be taken from vs & sith it is so yt by the auncient & lawdable custome of Armes noon may bere ye hole Armes without difference savyng ye oldest & chieff of the house or stoke of a kyndred without preiudice of the other therefore forasmuch as Mighell Poynant Gentilman reseant in London & oon of the Clerks of the Kings Chancery is comen & descended of the house & stoke of the Hichendens sometyme of the County of Buk auncient noblemen he not willing to use or beare any Armes in preiudice of any of them or other of his blood but with a due difference hath required me the foresaid King of Armes to order his said Armes & to assigne vnto him such due difference as may stonde wt right, To whom I ye said Kynge of Armes by the auctoritie of myñ office knowing his vertue & substaunce wt sufficient habilitie to maynteyne the said armes have assigned & devysed vnto the said Mighell for his armes in maner & forme as herafter foloweth yt is to sey *Azur a fece Dauncey gold three flours de lices in ye chieff billittee of the same in ye poynte of the feld an harts hedde cowpey of the fece vpon ye same a skalopp azur for his difference* as in the mergene of thies prsents more pleynly doth appere, To have & to holde to the said Mighell Poynant and to his posteritie & blood and he & they from̄ hensforth to enioye the said Armes to theym & to sett the same in aℍ plac̃s convenyent at their pleasur forevermore. In wittness wherof I the said Kyng of Armes have signed thies presents with myñ owne hand & sett therunto the seale of myñ office, yoveñ at London xiiijth day of Marcℏ In ye yere of oure Lord Jℏu crist A thousand fyve hundretℏ & eigℏt And of the reigne of oure moost dred & redoubted Sovereigne Lord Kynge Henry the seventh the xxiiijti yere.

ꝑ me Norroyꝓ.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO RICHARD PYNFOLD OF DUNSTABLE IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD, BY ROGER MACHADO, CLARENCEUX, DATED 18TH OCT., 1501.

[Harl. MS. 1172, fo. 3.]

To all true Christen people these present letters reding hearing or seeing, I Richemont otherwise Clarencew principall Herauld and King of Armes of the South parties of this Realme of England send due and humble recom̄endacon and greetinge as it appteyneth in our Lord god eũlasting, Equitie wollyth and reason ordaineth that vertuouse men of noble courage beñ by their merits remunered and rewarded, and not oonly their ꝑsons in this mortall life soo briefe and transitory but alsoe in their good name & fame to be of noble memory after their dep̄ting out of this lyff and to be in euerie place of honour before other ꝑsones euermore reuerenced & recom̄ended for shewyng of certaine signes and tokens of gentillnes, to the intent that by their ensample other ꝑsones may the sõner and the more enforce and apply themself to despende their liffs in honorable works & vertuouse deeds for to purchase and gett therby the renõme of auncient gentillnesse in their lynge and posteritie for euermore. And therfore I the said King of Armes not oonly by common renõme but alsoe by mine owne knowleche and report of many other credible and noble ꝑsons am Verily enformed and acertayned that Richard Pynfold of Dunstaple in y^e^ County of Bedford hath long continued in vertue and in all his acts and demeanyng hath wele sadely and honorably guyded and gouerned himselfe soo that he hath deserued and is right worthy he and his posteritie to be in all places of Worshipp admitted renomed accompted nombred accepted and receyued into the nombre and of the other auncient gentyll and noble men ꝑpetually from hensforth and for remembrance and consideracon of the same his gentilnes vertue and abilitie by y^e^ auctoritie and power of myn office annexed and attributed, I the said King of Armes haue deuysed ordayned vnto and for the same Richard for him and his posteritie the Armes hereafter followeing that is to sey he beryth *Asur a cheueron voyde Gold betwixt three woode wallys in their p'per colour membred gold*, The Creast *vpon the Helme a Pynaple tree gold the leffis sinople and the applys in their prop' colour sett in a pale* [*a palisade*—Ed.] *Siluer and Sable, mauntelled Asure lyned Gold*, as more plainely it appeareth in the margyn* here aboue depicte, To haue & to hold the same Armes for the said Richard and his posterity theym to vse and therin to be reuested att their pleasuy^e^ to their honour peaseibly w^t^oute eny impedyment chalaunge or interrupcon for euermore. In witnesse whereof I the said King of Armes haue signed these presents with myne owne hande and sealed the same with myñ of auctoritie. Youen att London the xviii day of y^e^ moneth of Octob^r^ in the yeare of our Lord god A Thousand fyue hundreth and ooñ. And the xviith yere of the reigne of our Souereigne Lord King Henry the seuenth.

ꝑ me Richemonte† Roy D'Armes de Clarenceaux.

* Trick of arms and crest in margin of Harl. MS. 1359, fo. 22.—[Ed.]

† He writes himself variously, putting after his name *alias* Richmond, *alias* Clarenceux, or *alias* Richmond, *alias* Roy d'Armes de Clarenceux (*Noble's College of Arms*, p. 111).

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS TO EDWARD RANDYLL OF . . . . . , CO. SURREY, GENTLEMAN, BY WILLIAM CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX (1597–1623). [*Undated.*]

[Cotton MS. Faustina E.J., fo. 56.]

To all & singuler as well Nobles & Gentles as others to whome these presents shall come I William Camden esquier aŧs Clarenceux Kinge of Armes of the South East & West parts of this Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent Southwards sendith greeting in our Lord God euerlasting Among many & sundry monuments deuised by our prudent progenitors to commend the memorie of men of worth & good desarts to succeding ages yt is notorious that the Cheifest & most vsuall hath been the bearing of signes in Sheildes commonlie called Armes both as euident demonstracõns of their vertues & rewards of the same that for their commendable seruice to their prince & countrie in warr or peace they may in their liues reaceaue due honor & deriue the same after their death successiuelie to their posteritie. In w^{ch} respect wheras Edward Randyll of . . . . . in the Countie of Surrie gentleman hath required me to make search in the Registers & Records of myne office for the auncient Armes belonging rightfully to him by descent ffrom his Auncestors. I haue accordinglie made search & find the said Edward Randill to be the sonne of Edward Randill of London [& of Elizabeth his wife daughter & heire of T. Hardinge *erased*—Ed.] and his wiffe daughter of francis Scootys w^{ch} Edward was sonne & heire to Vincent Randyll of London & of Elizabeth his wife daughter & heire of T. Hearding* w^{ch} Vincent was sonne & heire to Thoms Randyll & of Allice his wife daughter & heire of [. . . . . .] Shelley: w^{ch} Thoms was second sonne to Gilbert Shelley of Hansdon in the Countie of Hartford gentleman.† So that I could not wthout iniurye assigne any other Armes then those w^{ch} are descendid vnto him from his auncestors That is to say *in the first for Randyll, Sables on a Saltier or fiue Martletts of the feild, in the second for Shelley Argent a Cheueron betwne thre Scallops Sables, In the third for Harding Argent on a Bend Azure three Martletts or : In the fourth for Collier in the Countie of Stafford Argent a Cheueron Sables betwne three demy vnicors Gules.*

* Added in another hand at foot of MS.: "w^{ch} Elizabeth was daughter and heire of Thomas Colliar of the Countie of Stafford Gentlemã after wiffe to S^{r} Morice Genys, w^{ch} Edward . . . . . ."

† Added in another hand at foot of MS.: "vnto w^{ch} Thomas Randill S^{r} Thomas Holme Knight Clarenceux King of Armes exemplified Armes the first yeare of King Henry the 7."

Note of a confirmation dated 22nd May, 1573, by R. Cooke, and a trick of these arms in Harl. MS. 1359, fo. 22*b*, with a crest, *out of a ducal crown a buck's head couped or.* The same MS. has a trick of *Barry nebulée of six argent and azure, over all on a saltire sable five martlets or*, and *a martlet volant or*, for the crest, granted by Sir Thomas Holme, Clarenceux, 12th Dec., 1 Henry VII (1485).—[Ed.]

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN RAYMOND OF DUNMOWE, CO. ESSEX, GENTLEMAN, BY GILBERT DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 15TH NOV., 2 & 3 PHILIP & MARY (1555).

[MS. Queen's Coll. 140, No. 60.]

To all Nobles and gentiles theis p̃te lres reading heareinge or seeing. Gilbert Dethick alʂ Garter principall king of Armes, sendeth due and humble commendacons & greeting Equitie willeth & reason ordeineth, y^{t} men vertuous and of Noble courage be by their meritts rewarded not only their persons in this mortall life soe breife and transitory, but also after them those that shall be of their bodyes descended to be in all places of honno^{r} with others renowned accepted and taken, by certaine Ensignes and Demonstrances of honno^{r} and Noblenes, That is to say blazon healme and Timbre, To the end that by their Examples, others may the more enforce themselues to haue perseverance to vse their dayes in ffeates of Armes and workes vertuous, to gett the renowne of Ancient noblenes in their Loynes and posterities. And therfore I y^{e} Said Garter, not only by the Co$\bar{m}$on renowne, but alsoe by the report and Witnes, of diuerse worthy to be taken of word and Credence am plainly advertised & informed, that John Raymond of Dunmowe gentleman hath of long time, vsed himselfe soe worshipfully, and discreetly, soe that he hath well deserued to be in all places of honno^{r}, with other Nobles and gentlemen accepted and taken, by certaine Ensignes and tokens of honno^{r}: That is to say armes. And for y^{e} remembrance of the same by thauthority and power annexed attributed, giuen and granted to the said John Raymond of Donmowe in the County of Essex gentleman and to his posteritye, the Armes and Crest as hereafter followeth (that is to say) *Sable a cheueron betweene three exellets siluer an a chefe of the Cheueron* [*a chief argent*—Ed.] *a bend engrailed between the* [*two*—Ed.] *merlets sable vpon a healme on a torse gold and azure a Dragons head rased gold, about his neck a Coronall langued gu manteled gules doubled argent*, as more plainly appeareth depicted in this margent, To haue and to hold to him & his posterity, and they it to enioy for euermore In witnes wherof I the said Garter principall King of Armes, haue signed theis p̃tes with my hand & sett thervnto the Seale of my Armes with the Seale of my office of Garter principall King of Armes Giuen and granted at London, the ffifteenth day of Nouember in the second and third yeares of the reignes of our Soueraignes Phillip and Mary King and Queene of England ffrance Naples, Jerusalem and Ireland Defenders of the ffaith.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN ROBBINS, CAPTAIN OF "THE GREYHOUND," BY LAURENCE DALTON, NORROY, DATED [19TH DEC., 1 Q. ELIZ. 1558, in Harl. MS. 1359, fo. 45].

[Harl. MS. 1116, fo. 69.]

Lawrance Dalton alʂ norry King of Armes, beinge credebly enformed of the trew faythfull and paynefull servyce of John Robynnes captayne & honno^{r} of a

ship called the grehound, who by his valyauntenes in the warres hath taken and vanqueshed by the say many of the enemyes of this Realme of England, And now of late hath taken a ship of warre very worthely called the Dlobe of Depe [?] w^t^ a capytayne of the same, whose name was Peter de la bare, w^t^ his ensigne or fflagge whereby he hath meryted to bere the signes and tokens in shyld called Armes, In considerasion whereof I the said norry King of Armes hath assigned and set fourth to and for the said John Robynnes & his posterytie thesse Armes foloing that is to say, *barey vnde of vi sa. b. in chef iii fleur de lyces ar, and for an augmentasion as p'cell of the said ensigne or fflagge a canton or, there one a bend g over all a cressant sylũ,* the crest vpon the helme *an Arme bastony* [?] *vnde of iiii peces gold & asur, holding in thand charnell the hed of a man by the berd aborne the face charnell on a wreth sylũ and sa, manteled geules dobled sylũ.*

ma fortune sur le mer.
p Norry Dalton.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS OF SIR THOMAS ROE OF BULWICK, CO. NORTHANTS, LATELY OF BECKENHAM, CO. KENT, KNT., BY SIR RICHARD ST. GEORGE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 30TH APRIL, 1632. [Harl. MS. 1441, fo. 59*b*.]

To all and singuler as well Noble & Gentlemen as others to whom these presents shall come, S^r^ Richard S^t^ George Kn^t^ Clarenceulx, King of Armes of the East West & South parts of this Realme of England on this side the Riuer of Trent sendeth greeting in our Lord God Euerlasting wheras Antiently for the preseruation of the true descents of ffamulyes & the celebracon of due Atcheiuements of all Noble and generous houses Emperors Kings and Princes in their seuerall Regions Kingdomes and Prouinces instituted Kings Heraulds and officers of Armes who were likewise conversant in all military affaires that they might the better take notice of and also record the famous actions of worthy men that the memory of them might be continued to the renown of their posterity and the preuenting of confusion in the use of those remembrances of honour w^ch^ comonly and most aptly are called Armes and that upon all occasions such as were touched with a care to preserue their discents and birthrights might haue recourse vnto those foresaid Minist^r^ of Honour, ffor the true Exemplification of their genealogies and Marshalling of such Coats as by the marriages of their Ancestors w^th^ the heirs of other ffamulyes by vsage of the lawes of Armes are to be Quartred w^th^ their paternall Coat, Know yee that in this respect S^r^ Thomas Roe now of Bulwick in the County of Northampton and lately of Betenham in the County of Kent Kn^t^ hath had conference w^th^ mee and least the distance of habitation and change of liuelyhood might in time darken and obscure the line and Pedigree of his Ancestors hee hath required mee to testify and sett forth this true series of his house & famuly and to certify his Atcheiuement w^th^ y^e^ Auntient Armes belonging vnto him that so his famuly and their posterity may bee directed by this Instrument of the verity of his originall descent and legality of Quartred Coats w^ch^ Just and Reasonable request I

could not but giue assent vnto and for his descent I find not only by the Registers and records of mine office but by venerable proofs of Charters, Deeds Wills monuments and many other matters of Antiquity that hee is lineally descended of a wor̃p^full and worthy famuly of the Roes of Roe place in Aylesford in the County of Kent in this manner viz^t hee the said S^r Thomas Roe Kn^t is son and heir of Robert Roe Esquire by Elian^r his wife daughter of Robert Jermy & Anne Calthrop his wife w^ch Robert Roe was a young^r son of S^r Thomas Roe Kn^t & Mary his wife daughter of S^r John Gresham Kn^t w^ch S^r Tho. Roe seruing in the highest place of Magistracy in the Citty of London assumed a particular Coat vnto himselfe and discontinu^d his Antient & Paternal Armes a thing frequent about those times and bore *Argent* [*a chevron*—Ed.] *Azure between three Trefoyles per pale Gules and vert* w^ch here is marshalled in the 2^d place w^ch said S^r Thomas Roe was son and heir of Robert Roe Gent A great benefact^r to the Church and builder of the Steeple at leigh nigh Penshurst in Kent where hee was borne w^ch Robert Roe was second son of Reginald Roe of Charcott in the said Parish of Leigh Esq: and of . . . . . his wife da: & heire of Nicholas ffitzharbert of wrotham in Kent Gent: by whom hee had land in Wrotham of good value w^ch Reginald Roe was second son of John Roe of Aylesford & Boxley in Kent Gent and of Katherine his wife da: of John Palmer (of) Eccles in Aylesford Esq: sister of S^r Tho: Palmer Knt. w^ch John Roe was son of Robert Roe Esq. whose principall seat was Roe place in Aylesford but hee had land in many other places in Kent Espetially at Pluckley where hee held lands called Roe combe vpon the font in that church and the roofe of the chancell the Arms are yet remaining vizt. *Gules a Quater foyle Or* to testify that his Ancest^rs were good benefact^rs The leig^r [ledger—Ed.] Book of the Priory of Horton now in the hands of S^r Peter Heyman Kn^t & the priuate Evidences of S^r Edward Deering Kn^t & Baronet doe testify y^t Everard Roe an ancest^r of this famuly of Roe held lands there in the time of K. H. the 3^d this Rob^t Roe by marying the da: & h: of Tho: Gouldwell of Goddenton brought in these seuerall Armes to be Quartred w^th his owne viz^t Holland of ffolkeston in Kent Malmaynes of Malmaynes in Pluckley & waldershawe [*sic*] thother coheir of w^ch famuly of Malmaynes was marr: to Monimgs from whom S^r W^m Monimgs of waldersham [*sic*] Bar^t now liuing is descended another of the Gouldwells married likewise the coheir of John Hawte of Surrenden in Pluckley thother da: & coh: of the said John Hawte was marr: to John Deering who had Surrenden by her and from him is desẽnd: to S^r Edw: Deering of Surrenden aforesaid Kn^t & Baronett now liuing [*sic*] the Hawte mere an Antient & Eminent house in Kent & marr a dau: & heir of Maleuyle, & after another match with y^e da: & heir of Surrenden of S: brought in the Armes of them and Pluckley of Pluckley & the Coat of another famuly of Malmayns whose da: & h. was mar: to Pluckly & also the Arms of Bending of Bending the said Robt. Roe was son of another Robert Roe of Roe place of whom there is mention in Aylesford Church, who had diuers children as appears by his will & had all good estates assigned them the said Robert Roe was son of Walter Roe who liued in the time of King Richard the second as appears by his deeds & brother of William Roe whose da: was mar: to William ffinch Esq: from whom Thomas Lord Maydston heir apparant to the Earldom of Winchelsey is descend̃ w^ch Walter Roe was son of Rob^t Roe who held Roe

place as the Ancient Evidences in the hands of S^r^ Rob: ffilmer in the County of Kent Kn^t^ concerning Roe place doe testify w^ch^ descent as it is here delineated and Armes as they are here Marshalled and depicted in the margent* I the said Clarenceulx King of Armes doe by these presents Exemplify testify & confirme vnto the said S^r^ Thomas Roe his famuly & their posterity for euer In witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale of mine office the last day of Aprill 1632 and in the Eighth year of the Reigne of our Soueraigne Lord K. Charles.

Ri S^t^ George Clarenceux.

At the foot of the MS. is written: "On the top of the Patent Gouldwell Holland Malmayns Hawte on the sinister side. Malemle Surrenden Pluckley Malmoyne Bending Fitzharbert paynted on thoter side."
"Tramite Recta."

GRANT OF ARMS TO ANTHONY RUDD, D.D., BISHOP OF ST. DAVIDS, AND OF ARMS AND CREST TO HIS ISSUE, BY RICHARD LEE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 12TH AUG., 1597.

[Stowe MS. 714, fo. 101.]

To all Persons Nobles & Gentles to whom these Presents shall come Richard Lea alʒs Clarenceux King of Armes of the South East and West part of England from the River of Trent Southwards Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting Know ye that whereas anciently it hath ben a Custome and to this day is continued y^t^ all Estates and Degrees have ben and are distinguished ech from other by Sundry markes & Signes called Armes being outward demonstrations & Remembraunces of the worthiness of the bearers atchived either by their Valour in the feild in the tyme of Warr or by their Vertuouse endeavours in the Comon welth in the time of Peace And forasmuch as Anthony Rudd Doctor in Divinity Bushopp of St Davids within the Principality of Wales, is a man for his Godlie liefe, Learning and Conversation reputed a father of his Country & advanced to be one of her Ma^ties^ Lords Spirituall I the sayd Clarenceux could doe no lesse being instantly required by his Lord^sp^ then to appoynt invest & Arme him w^th^ such a Coate of Armes as I find to be convenient unto his degree and calling without doeing wrong or prejudice to others that is to say *Azure a Chevron*

* A rough trick of arms with these quarterings:

1. ROE, *Gules, a quatrefoil or.*
2. ROWE, *Argent, a chevron azure between three trefoils gules and vert,* 2 *and* 1.
3. GOULDWELL, *Or, a lion rampant argent, billety sable.*
4. HOLLAND, *Per fess azure and gules, three fleur-de-lis argent.*
5. MALMAYNS, *Ermine, on a chief gules three sinister hands couped argent.*
6. HAWTE, *Or, a cross engrailed gules, differenced with a crescent argent.*
7. MALENY, *Gules, a lion passant or ducally crowned argent.*
8. SURRENDEN, *Argent, a bend gules between two cotises nebulée sable.*
9. PLUCKLEY, *Or, a fleur-de-lis sable.*
10. MALMAYNES, *Gules, three sinister hands couped argent guttée de poix.*
11. BENDING, *Or, three bars sable.*
12. FITZHARBERT, *Gules, a lion rampant or, a bordure argent.*
    CREST: *A stag's head gules.*

between three Bells Argent under his p'llian Or and doctors Cappe Sables and the same to use & beare, shewe and sett forth at all times and all places by it selfe or impaled with the Armes of his See at his Lordships free Libertie and pleasure according to the Law of Armes, And further by Custome noe Spirtuall Man cann carry any Helme or Crest over his Armes, I am further entreated by his Lordship for the future Benefitt and better notice of his Issue and Posterity for ever, to annex and add, geeve, Graunte and Assigne to them and every of them the aforesayd Coate of Armes only with this difference, *the Chevron Ermine* together with the Crest or Cognisance following, viz^{t} *Out of a wreath of the Colours on an Arme Azure a Chevron Ermine holding a Scroule in the hand p'pr. Mantled of the first doubled of the second* as in the Margen more plainely is described and the same also to vse beare shewe and sett forth in Signett Sheild Ensigne Coate Armes or otherwise wth the due differences without Lett or Molestation of any person or persons whatsoever. In witnes whereof I the said Clarenceux have hereunto sett my hand and seale of office with the seale of myne Armes Dated the 12th day of August in the 39th yeare of our Soveraigne Ladye Elizabeth by the Grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c^{a} Anno Domini 1597.

Richard Lea Clarencieux
King of Armes.

GRANT AND EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO SIR WILLIAM BEAUMAURICE RUSH OF PALL MALL, IN THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES, WESTMINSTER, AND OF WIMBLEDON, CO. SURREY, KNT., HIS BROTHER, SAMUEL RUSH, OF KENSINGTON, CO. MIDDLESEX, ESQ., HIS COUSIN, GEORGE RUSH, OF FARTHINGOE, CO. NORTHAMPTON, ESQ., AND HIS SISTER, BIDDY RUSH, SPINSTER, BY SIR ISAAC HEARD, GARTER, AND GEORGE HARRISON, CLARENCEUX, DATED 25TH MARCH, 1811. [Grants Book, xxvi, p. 200.]

To all and Singular to whom these Presents shall come, Sir Isaac Heard, Knight, Garter Principal King of Arms, and George Harrison Esquire Clarenceux King of Arms of the South East and West Parts of England from the River Trent Southwards send Greeting. Whereas Sir William Beaumaurice Rush of Pall Mall in the Parish of St. James Westminster and of Wimbledon in the County of Surrey, Knight, eldest son of William Rush of Bishop's Stortford in the County of Hertford, Gentleman, deceased hath represented to Charles Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England that the Armorial Ensigns hitherto used by him pertain to a family of Rush resident at Bercham [Boreham—Ed.] in the County of Essex in 1634, and not feeling able to prove his descent from that family, requested the favour of His Grace's Warrant for Our granting &c. such Arms and Crest as are proper to be borne by him and his descendants and by his only brother Samuel Rush of Kensington in the County of Middlesex Esquire and his descendants, and by his cousin

George Rush Esquire, only son and heir of George Rush late of Farthingoe in the County of Northampton Esquire, deceased (who was a younger brother of the aforesaid William Rush) and his only sister Biddy Rush spinster, and their descendants according to the Laws of Arms. And forasmuch as the said Earl marshal did by Warrant under his hand and seal bearing date the 17th day of March last Authorise and direct Us to grant and assign such Armorial Ensigns accordingly. Know Ye therefore that We the said Garter and Clarenceux in pursuance of His Grace's Warrant and by virtue of the Letters Patent of our several Offices to each of us respectively granted Do by these presents grant and exemplify to the said Sir William Beaumaurice Rush the arms following that is to say: *Quarterly, Gules and Argent, on a Fess per paleVert and Or between three Horses current as many roundles counterchanged* And for the Crest *On a Wreath of the Colours A Bear's Head couped at the Neck Sable Muzzled or charged with five Bezants in Saltire, in the Mouth a Bull-Rush proper,* as the same are more plainly depicted in the margin, to be borne and used for ever hereafter by him the said Sir William Beaumaurice Rush Knight, by his only brother Samuel Rush, by his said cousins George Rush and Biddy Rush, spinster, and their descendants according to the Laws of Arms. In Witness whereof We the said Garter and Clarenceux have to these Presents subscribed our Names and affixed the Seals of our several Offices the twenty fifth day of march in the fifty first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith etc. and in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eleven.

GRANT OF NEW CREST TO SIR WILLIAM BEAUMARICE RUSH OF WIMBLEDON, CO. SURREY, KNT., BY SIR GEORGE NAYLER, GARTER, AND RALPH BIGLAND, CLARENCEUX, DATED 28TH DEC., 1826, AND EXTENSION OF LIMITATIONS OF CREST, DATED APRIL 11TH, 1827.

[Grants Book, xxxvi, pp. 180 and 203.]

To all and Singular to whom these Presents shall come Sir George Nayler Knight Garter Principal King of Arms and Ralph Bigland Esquire Clarenceux King of Arms of the South East and West Parts of England from the River Trent Southwards send Greeting. Whereas Sir William Beaumarice Rush of Wimbledon in the County of Surrey Knight, eldest son of William Rush late of Bishop's Stortford in the County of Hertford gentleman deceased hath by memorial presented to Bernard Edward, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England that, in a Patent under the Hands and Seals of Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms bearing date the twenty fifth day of March One thousand eight hundred and eleven, the following Crest was assigned to the Memorialist and to his family vizt. "*A Bear's Head couped at the Neck Sable muzzled Or charged with five Bezants in Saltire, in the Mouth a Bull-Rush proper*" but the Memorialist had since ascertained that the Crest borne by his

ancestors was a *Wolf's Head erased* He therefore requested the favour of his Grace's warrant for Our granting the same with such distinctions as the Laws of Arms permit And forasmuch as the said Earl Marshal did by Warrant bearing date the eleventh day of September last Authorize and direct Us to grant and assign such Crest accordingly. Know Ye therefore that We the said Garter and Clarenceux in pursuance of His Grace's Warrant and by virtue of the Letters Patent of our several offices to each of Us respectively granted Do by these Presents grant and assign unto the said Sir William Beaumarice Rush the Crest following that is to say *On a Wreath Argent and Gules a Wolf's Head erased Vert, guttè d'or, gorged with a Collar Gold thereon three Torteaux*, as the same is in the margin more plainly depicted to be borne by him the said Sir William Beaumarice Rush and his descendants, and by the other descendants of his aforesaid late Father William Rush, with all due and proper differences according to the Laws of Arms. In Witness whereof We the said Garter and Clarenceux have to these Presents subscribed Our names, and affixed the Seals of Our several Offices this twenty-eighth day of December in the seventh year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King Defender of the Faith etc. and in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty six.

George Nayler
Garter Principal King of Arms.

Ralph Bigland
Clarenceux King of Arms.

Extension of limitations of Crest, 11*th April,* 1827.

Endorsed on the foregoing Grant.

In pursuance of the consent of the Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal, signified to us by Warrant under his hand and seal bearing date the 9th day of April 1827, We Sir George Nayler, Garter and Ralph Bigland, Clarenceux hereby extend the limitations of the within Grant of a Crest, and do hereby assign and confirm the said Crest to George Rush of Elsenham Hall in the County of Essex, Esquire, the Cousin and son-in-law of the within named Sir William Beaumarice Rush Knight, and to the descendants of the said George Rush Esquire. Witness Our hands the eleventh day of April 1827.

George Nayler
Garter.

Ralph Bigland
Clarenceux.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO THOMAS SKYRMESOURE ALIAS SKRYMSHERE OF AQUILOT, CO. STAFFS., GENTLEMAN, AND TO THE ISSUE OF HIS FATHER, JOHN SKRYMSHERE OF NORBURY, CO. STAFFS., BY WILLIAM FLOWER, NORROY, DATED 13TH APRIL, 1584.

[MS. Ashm. 858, No. 92, p. 120.]

Omnibus et singulis tam Regibus ad Arma sive Heraldis quam nobilibus ceterisque hoc scriptum visuris lecturis vel audituris Willelmus Flower Armiger

aliter dictus Norroy rex Armorum et principalis Heraldus partium regni Anglie borealium, Salutem optat in domino sempiternam Quum Thomas Skyrmesoure alias Skrymshere de Aquilot in Comitatu Staffordshiæ generosus Filius primo genituo Iohannis Skrymshere nuper de Norbury in eodem Comitatu ex generosa familia sui cognominis in Nottinghammensi provincia oriundus obnixe me rogaverit, vt antiqua generis sui Arma sive insignia* describerem, galeaeque sive in ornamentum Cristam aliquam idoneam illi insuper assignarem quoniam Armis suis antiquis (quod plerumque et alijs accidit) nihil tale reperitur. Ego quidem praedictus Norroy rex Armorum, viro omni humanitatis genere claro gratificari cupiens, pro maiori et ampliori suo ornamento Armis siue insignibus suis gentilicijs in galeae condecoramentum pro Christa *super torquem ex auro rubeoque contextum armati velitis sive excursoris partem addidi superiorem, leua clypeum gerentem rubeum, dextraque gladium vibrantem, coloribus suis geniunis ac naturalibus vndique depictam, vna cum mantellis siue appendicibus rubeis argento intrinsecus duplicatis et decoratis:* ac pro pleniori noticia in margine praesentium suis metallis atque coloribus delineanda illuminanda depingendaque curavi. Quae quidem insignia clypei antiqua simul cum apice seu Crista Galeae imposita caeterisque appendicibus ego proenominatus Norroy rex Armorum virtute et authoritate junctionis et officij mei a Reginae Maiestate literis patentibus magno sigillo Angliae commimitis mihi in hac parte concissi, dicto Thomae Skyrmesour alias Skrymshire posterisque suis et posteritati antedicti Iohannis patris ac progenitoris sui addixi tradidi et imperpetuum confirmavi per praesentes. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium ego Norroy Rex Armorum predictus hijs praesentibus manu mea propria subscripsi, et appensione sigilli officij mei praedicti praesens meum diploma corroboravi Datum Londini decimo tertio die Aprilis Anno Domini 1584 regni vero Serenissime Reginae Elizabethe vicesimo sexto &c.

per moy Wylliam Flower alias
Norrey Roy darmes.

With a copy of his seal of office reading: S. OFIICI NORROY REGIS AROMRVM. PART. BORIALIS.

[*All the above in Ashmole's hand.*—Ed.]

WARRANT FOR CONFIRMATION OF ARMS TO HUMPHRY SMITH OF FARMINGTON, CO. GLOUC., AND WILLIAM SMITH OF LONDON, AND CERTIFICATE BY WILLIAM DUGDALE, NORROY, DATED 7TH OCT., 1674. [MS. Ashm. 858, p. 239.]

Whereas it appeareth by the Certificate of Richard Goddard now Rector of Castle Eaton in the County of Wilts. That Mr Humphry Smith who was heretofore Rector there, for the space of fourty seven yeares did beare for his Armes An Eagle displayed as is evident by the Ingravement thereof fifty seven

* The arms are *Gules, a lion rampant or, a border vair* (*Staffordshire Pedigrees*, in Harleian Society's vol. lxiii, p. 205).—[Ed.]

yeares since vpon a Tombe stone in the church of Castle Eaton aforesayd where the sayd Humphry Smith and Elizabeth his wife lye interred. And whereas I am informed by Francis Sandford Rouge Dragon Pursuivand of Armes, that he (having collected the Issue of the sayd Humphry and Elizabeth) doth finde that Humphry Smith of ffarmington in the County of Gloucester and William Smith of the Parish of S^{t} Dunstan in the West London are Grandchildren of the sayd Humphry and Elizabeth, That is to say sonnes of William Smith sonne and heire of the sayd Humphry and Elizabeth, And that their sayd father and Grandfather have successively vsed the sayd Armes and sealed therewith, But the same being not Registred in the Colledge of Armes and the sayd Humphry and William having no other evidence thereof then the sayd Seales and Tombestone (such other memorialls as were, being imbezelled during their minority), they are not certaine of the true colours of the sayd Armes. I James Earle of Suffolke Deputy to the Right hon^{ble} Henry Earle of Norwich Earle-Marshall of England being humbly desired on the behalfe of the sayd Humfrey Smith and William Smith to give my consent that the sayd Armes so proved as aforesayd may be allowed and entred in the sayd Colledge of Armes doe hold the same reasonable, And therefore doe hereby will and require You forthwith to devise such Colours for the sayd Armes as you in your discretion shall judge meete without wrong doing to any, And after your so doing in regard the s^{d} Humfrey Smith and William Smith have liberally contributed toward rebuilding the Colledge of Armes, the Register of the sayd Colledge is hereby commanded and required (according to his Ma^{ties} Commission touching Benefactors in that behalfe) to register the sayd Armes by you supplyed as aforesayd together with the Descent of the sayd William Smith and also these p^{r}sents in the Colledge of Armes. Given vnder my hand and the Seale of the Earle Marshalls Office this seventh day of October 1674 in the six & Twentieth yeare of the Reigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles the second of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith &c.

Suffolke.

To William Dugdale Esq^{r}
Norroy King of Armes.

In Obedience to this his Lo^{pps} Order to me directed, I have assigned to the Coat therein men$\tilde{c}$oned, the Colours depicted in the Margent; viz^{t} *Party per pale Ermin and Erminois, ouer all an Eagle displayed sable, beaked and membred Gules.* Witnesse my hand

William Dugdale
Norroy.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO ISRAEL SMITH OF LONDON, ELDEST CAPTAIN IN COL. EWER'S REGIMENT OF FOOT, BY EDWARD BYSSHE, GARTER, DATED 23RD FEB., 1647–8.

[Add. MS. 26758, fo. 14*b*.]

To all and Singular unto whome these presents shall come I Edward Byshe Esq^{r} Garter Principall King of Armes of Englishmen send Greeting. Whereas

auntiently it hath bin a custome and to this day is continued that all Estates and degrees of men have bin and are distinguished each from other by sundry markes and signes called Armes being noe otherwise then outward demonstrations and remembrances of the inward worth of the bearers atcheived either by their valour in the ffeild in the time of Warre, or by their vertuous endeavours in the Commonwealth in time of Peace; And forasmuch as Israel Smith of London eldest Captaine in Collonell Ewers Regiment of Foote under the command of his Excellencie S^{r} Thomas Fayrfax Generall hath desired me to assign unto him such Armes as he and his Posterity may lawfully beare Knowe ye therefore that having seriously considered the premisses as alsoe the worth of the said Captaine Israel Smith, I doe thinke fitt to assigne unto him the Armes undermention'd viz. (*Azur un Chevron charge de trois Ogresses accompagne de trois Moulettes d'argent un Canton de geules charge d'un Main dexter Armè tenant un Espee d'argent pometteè croissee et emanchee d'or, Et pour Cimier sur le Casque un bras droite main armè tenant une Espee d'argent emanche pometteè et croisseè d'or sortant d'une Coronnè Murallè Eschiquete d'argent et de sable les lambriquins d'argent et de gules*) as in the Margent* more lively is depicted which Armes and Crest I the said Edw^{d} Bisshe Garter Principal King of Englishmen by the Authority annexed to the Office of Garter, by the Statutes of the most noble Order of the Garter, continued practice and the Letters Patents of my said Office made unto me under the Great Seale of England do by these presents assigne give and grant unto the said Captain Israel Smith and to the Heires of his bodye lawfully to be begotten, to be by them and every of them born with their due and proper differences and distinctions according to the lawes of Armes for ever. In witnesse whereof I the said Edward Bisshe Garter principall King of Arms of England have unto these presents affixed the Seale of myne Office & subscribed my Name dated at the Office of Armes the xxiiith day of February in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred forty seaven and in the yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereign Lord Kinge Charles of England, Scotland, France and Ireland Kinge Defender of the Faith the thre and twentieth.

E. Bishe Garter Principall Kinge
of Armes of Englishmen.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO WILLIAM SMITHE OF NOONSTANTON, CO. DURHAM, ESQ., BY WILLIAM FLOWER, NORROY, DATED 11TH JAN., 1567.

[MS. Ashm. 834 I, fo. 70*b*.]

Omnibus et singulis hoc scriptum visuris lecturis vel audituris, Guillelmus Flower armiger aliter dictus Norroy rex Armorum et principalis Heraldus partium regni Angliæ borealium, Salutem optat in Domino sempiternam. Quum generosus vir Guillelmus Smithe de Noonstanton in Palatinatu Dunolmiæ armiger, obnixè me rogauerit vt gentilitia Arma siue insignia suæ familiæ

* Trick of arms and crest in margin.—[Ed.]

peculiaria ei describerem, galeæque suæ in ornamentum Cristam aliquam idoneam assignarem, quarum rarior vsus fuit temporibus retroactis. Ego quidem præfatus Norroy rex Armorum, viro tam generoso virtute omnique humanitatis genere claro gratificari cupiens, pro maiori et ampliori suo ornamento, Annis suis gentilitijs, scilicet, *de argento cum benda oblique ducta medio inter Vnicornium capita bina erasa rubea conspicuis: vlterius in galeæ condecoramentum pro Crista super Torquem ex eodem metallo atque colore contextum agrestis Capreæ caput argenteum frondentis querci intorto redimitum serto, addidi: vnà cum mantellis siue appendicibus rubeis, argento intrinsecus duplicatis et decoratis.* Ac pro pleniori noticia in margine præsentium suis metallo coloribus delineanda, illuminanda, depingendaque curaui. Quæ quidem Arma siue insignia clypei gentilitia simul cum apice seu Crista galeæ imposita, cæterisque appendicibus ac ornamentis, ego prænominatus Norroy rex Armorum virtute et authoritate functionis et officij mei, mihi in hac parte concessis, literisque patentibus sub magno sigillo Angliæ communitis, dicto Guillelmo Smithe posterisque suis addixi, tradidi, et inperpetuum confirmavi per præsentes: vt sibi eisque liceat deinceps eisdem vti omnibus locis rebus atque temporibus pro eorum arbitrio: aliquo impedimento, contradictione, aut prohibitione, id vt ne fieri possit, non obstantibus. In cuius rei testimonium ego Norroy Rex Armorum prædictus hoc scriptum manu mea propria signaui, et appensione sigilli officij mei prædicti, eundem corroboraui. Datum Londini vndecimo die Januarij Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo septimo, regni uero Serenissimæ Reginæ Elizabethæ decimo.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO JOHN SOMER OF KENT, ESQ., BY SIR GILBERT DETHICK, GARTER, DATED . . . . . APRIL, 1575.

[MS. Ashm. 834, fo. 9*b*.]

Omnibus et singulis tam Regibus ad Arma siue Heroaldis quam nobilibus cæterisque hoc scriptum visuris, Gilbertus Dethick miles aliâs Garter principalis Rex Armorum Anglicorum Salutem. Quum Johannes Somer de Comitatu Canciæ armiger [*blank space*] præclari generis, nimirum ex veteri sui cognominis generosa prosapia in Cantia oriundus, obnixè me rogauerit, vt galeæ suæ insigne, quod vulgo Cristam vocant, non satis sibi cognitum, iuxta veram et Heroaldorum veterum autoritate confirmatam descriptionem ei significarem. Ego quidem non solum quod est officij mei exequntus sum, sed etiam viro virtute et eruditione claro, deque Principe et patria nostra benemerito gratificari cupiens, antiquis et autenticis Heroaldicæ artis registris euolutis, scrinijsque sacris diligenter perlustratis, auita ac propria familiæ suæ Arma siue insignia, quas maiores illius hactenus gestauerunt et vsi sunt, inueni. At quoniam Armis seu insignibus suis antiquissimis (quod plærunque et alijs accidit) nulla reperitur supra Arma galea exornata cum quodam auctario tymbro siue Crista (id quod antiquitus solummodo nobilibus aut saltem equestris ordinis viris competebat et spectare solebat), ego tamen prædictus Garter rex Armorum, Rogatu prædicti Johannis Somer, et pro maiori et ampliori ornamento Armis siue insignijs suis

prædictis antiquis vlterius in galeæ suæ ornamentum Cristam hanc cum cæteris phaleris et appendicijs adiunxi: videlicet *Falconis argentei dimidium supernis alis extensis, et quasi ad volatum paratis, situatum super arboris candecem aureum, simul cum torque et mantellis siue appendicijs coloris viridi intrinsecus argento duplicatis et decoratis.* Et ne rei tantopere quæsitæ tamque memoria dignæ cognitio diutius delitesceret, néue temporis iniuria, seu alia quauis occasione, nonæ inquisitionis materia denùo præbeatur, Arma siue insignia antiqua simul cum galea Cristaque eisdem annexa pro pleniori notitia magis ad viuum in margine* præsentium delinianda depingendaque curaui. Quæ quidem insignia Clypei antiqua, vna cum apice seu Crista galeæ imposita, cæterisque appendicibus ac ornamentis supramemoratis, ego prænominatus Garter principalis rex ad Arma, virtute et autoritate functionis et officij mei à regia Maiestate mihi in hac parte concessæ, digna dignis vt præscriberem admissus, dicto Johanni Somer posterisque suis addixi, tradidi, et in perpetuum confirmaui. Habenda, vtenda, gerenda et ostendenda Clypeo, Scuto, galea, paludamento, sigillo aut aliquo alio modo honoris gratia, et eisdem pro arbitrio quibuscunque loco et tempore indui, vestiri et decorari, aliquo impedimento, contradictione, aut prohibitione id vt ne fieri possit, non obstante. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium, ego Garter principalis rex ad Arma prædictus, tam proprio, quam officij mei sigillo præsens diploma corroboravi. Datum Londoni [*blank space*] die Aprilis regni vero Serenissimæ Elizabethæ Angliæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ reginæ fidei defensoris &c. anno decimo septimo [1575].

AUGMENTATION AND CREST BY LETTERS PATENT TO OLAUS SONESON, AN OSTROGOTH, GRANT BY QUEEN ELIZABETH, DATED 1ST DEC., 1583.

[MS. Ashm. 834 I, fo. 56*b*.]

Elizabetha Dei gratia Angliæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ Regina, fidei Defensor &c. Vniuersis et singulis, Regibus, Principibus, Ducibus, Marchionibus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Equitibus, Nobilibusque cæteris quibuscunque ad quos præsentes literæ nostræ patentes peruenerint, Salutem. Vt Nobilitati suus honos tribuitur, ita virtuti sua laus et commendatio tanquam propria debeatur: ideo fit, vt qui in rebus gerendis operam egregie navarunt, eorum illustre nomen magnificis elogijs et insignibus quibusdam honoris ac virtutis, antiquitũs tanquam rerum præclarè gestarum monumentis, sit posteritati commendatum. E quibus Armorum quæ vocant in Scutis gestatio, prima et vsitatissima fuit, quæ argumento omnibus esse solebant, eos Virtutis ergô evectos esse, è vulgari sorte in altiorem gradum dignitatis sublatos, vt pro cuiusque meritis sua cuique dignitas et existimatio concedatur. Quæ cum ad ipsorum quibus primo donata sunt acuendam industriam valuerunt plurimum, tum certè multo magis ad excitandum in posteris, et in omni reliqua familia parem virtutis ardorem valerent: vt ad egregia illorum facinora imitanda, maiorum exemplis stimularentur.

* There were several families called Somer in Kent. In the MS. the space for the arms is left blank, and there are no particulars in the grant about the ancient arms of this grantee, which may have been *vert, a fess dancette ermine,* or *azure, an eagle displayed or, collared gules.*—[ED.]

Nullâque de causa magis Regiam dignitatem ad talem ac tantum apîcem evectum fuisse arbitramur, quam vt florentioribus in omni actione viris, sua præmia plena lance referret. Qua de causa Regiam Maiestatem existimamus non plus ijs debere, qui progenitorum suorum stemmatum terminis se continent, quam illis qui propria virtute, proprijs gestis, suos ortus nobilitare ac decorare uiuntur, quoniam laudata virtus maiore laudis studio incendi dignoscitur. Hinc est quod tam Imperatores et Reges, quam cæteri Orbis Principes, viros claros et benemeritos, non modo stilis, titulis, nobilitatisque appellationibus varijs, decorare, sed ad perpetuam rerum bene gestarum memoriam, honorarijs quibusdam notulis et insignibus adornare solent Quapropter vt nostrum etiam calculum adijceremus laudibus præclari viri Olai Sonesoni Ostrogothi in Suecia oriundi, summoperè nobis commendati ab egregio. Heröe D. Erico Comiti in Wisingsburg Baroni à Lindholm et Serenissimi Sueciæ Principis aulæ Magistri, legatis munere apud nos in nostra Anglia fungenti, ob eius egregias animi et corporis dotes, probatamque ipsi in Anglia Gallia et Germania fidem præstitam: Visum est nobis eundem tanquam bene meritum et nobis gratum, necnon ab eodem procreatos vel procreandos, et descendentes ab eisdem nobilitare, nobilesque facere et creare, et in signum huius nobilitatis, ex Armorum siue Insignium gestatione, posteritati commendare. Volumus igitur, et ex speciali gratia, certa scientia, meroque motu nostris, per præsentes concedimus dicto Olao Sonesoni, quod tam ipse, quam sui posteri descendentes, dehinc *in Armorum Scuto asureo, rosas argenteas tres deferant, in cuius summitate aurea, leonem peditantem superaddidimus rubeum respicientem. Et vlterius pro Crista super galeam cui appendit clypeus, Torque redimita ex auro et asurio invicem contexto, Hermilinum animal candidissimum, cuius pellis in Principum aulis tanto fit precio, adiunximus, vnà cum Mantellis siue appendicibus rubeis, argento duplicatis:* vt latiùs in Scuto hic depicto apparet. Ab omnibus insuper Regibus, Principibus, Ducibus, Marchionibus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Equitibus, Nobilibusque, cuiuscunque status sint, nostro dominio aut Imperio non subiectis, gratiose requirentes: Illis autem qui nobis regnisque nostris subditi sunt, stricte præcipientes, quatenus dictum Olaum Sonesonem eiusque gentiles liberos et hæredes, huiusmodi Armorum et Insigniorum iure (sic vt præmittitur) vti ac frui sinant. In quorum omnium et singulorum robur et testimonium, has nostra[s] literas Patentes fieri fecimus, et sigilli nostri maioris appensione iussimus communiri, Datum è Regia nostra Iacobæa, primo Decembris, Anno ab Incarnatione Christi post Millesimum quingentesimum, octuagesimo tertio, Regni vero nostri vicesimo sexto.

Sub magno Sigillo Angliæ in viridi cera.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST OF SIR FRANCIS STAUNTON, KNIGHT, OF BIRCHMORE, IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD, BY SIR RICHARD ST. GEORGE, KNIGHT, CLARENCEUX, DATED 3RD JAN., 1623.

[From original grant at Society of Antiquaries, MS. 513.]

To all and Singular as well Noble and Gentlemen as others to whome these presents shall come S^r^ Richard S^t^ George Knight, Clarenceux King of Armes of

the South, West and East parts of the Realme of England from the River of Trent Southward sendeth greeting. Knowe yee that whereas aunciently from the beginning the vertuous acts of worthy persons have been comended to the world with sundrye monuments and remembrances of their good deserts amongst which the cheifest and most usuall hath been the bearing of signes and tokens in sheildes called Armes which are evident demonstrations of prowesse and valour diversly distributed according to the quallitie of the persons meriting the same, which order as it was prudently devised to stirre up and inflame the hearts of men to the imitation of vertue so hath it allwaies been and still is continued to the end that suche as have done commendable service to their prince or countrie, either in warre or peace may thereby receive due honour in their lives, and likewise derive the same successively to their posterity for ever. In which respect being at this instant requested by Sr ffrancis Staunton of Birchmore in the parishe of Woborne, within the county of Bedford Knight, to make searche amongst the records of my office, and to sett forth a true series of his descent and familie, I have accordingly performed the same and doe fynde that the sayd Sr Francis Staunton Knight was the sonne of John Staunton of Woborne aforesayd which John was sonne of Edward Staunton of the same place who rightly derive themselves of a family that have formerly borne Armes. Yet because hee is not willing to beare or publish anything in that kinde, that might be preiudiciall to any, he hath requested me to blason and sett them forth in suche manner as he may lawfully use and beare the same without wrong doing to any. Whereuppon I have thought fitt to blason and sett them forth in manner following vidzt He beareth *varrey Ermyn and sable, a Canton Gules*, and for his Creast *vppon a Wreath of his colours Argent and Sable a demy Lyon rampant varrey Ermyn and Sable, Crowned Or, Langued and armed Gules, Mantled Gules doubled Argent* as more plainley appeareth depicted in the margent* hereof. The which Armes and Creast I the sayd Sr Richard St George Knight Clarenceux King of Armes doe give grant ratifie and confirme unto the aforesayd Sr Francis Staunton Knight, and to the severall descendents of his body for ever bearing their due differences according to the lawe of Armes. In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale of my office. Dated at the office of Armes the third day of Januarie in the yeare of our Lord God 1623 and in the 21st yeare of the reigne of our most gracious soveraigne Lord James by the grace of God King of great Britaine ffrance and Ireland defender of the fayth etc.

RI St George Clarenceux
King of Armes.

Official Seal of Clarenceux in tin box attached.

Coloured coat of arms and crest in margin on vellum.

* In the Visitation of Bedfordshire, 1634, by Sir Richard St. George, Clarenceux, John Burrough, Norroy, and George Owen, York Herald, the arms are entered as *Vair, argent and ermines, a canton gules*, and the crest, *a demi-lion couped vair argent and ermines, ducally crowned or* (Harleian Society, vol. xix, p. 142).—[Ed].

GRANT OF A CREST TO GILES STRANGWAYS, OF STYNNINGSFORD, CO. DORSET, ESQ., BY THOMAS WRYOTHESLEY, GARTER, AND THOMAS BENOLT, CLARENCEUX, DATED 24TH JAN., 1512–13. [MS. Ashm. 834 I, fo. 2*b*.]

A tous presens et aduenir &c. Thomas Wryothesley altrement dit Jarretiere etc. et Thomas Benolt aultrement dit Clarencieulx Roy darmes &c. Salut &c. Equite veult &c. Comme ainsi soit que Gilys Strangways de Stynnysford de la Conte de Dorsett escuyer du corps du Roy notre seigneur soit descendu de noble lignee et aussi ait longuement contynue en noblesse portant Armes: neantmoins icelluy incertain en quelle maniere ses predecesseurs portoient leur tymbre et cognoissance non voullant preiudicier a nulluy, a nous lesditz Roys darmes a requiz de luy ordonner deuiser et assigner vng tymbre conuenable &c. Cest assauoir *une teste de senglier rasee de sable dentee dargent entre deux esles dasure billettees assise dedens vng couronnal dor, Mantelle de pourpre double dargent* &c. Faict et donne a Londres le 24 iour de Januier lan de notre seigneur Ihesu Christ mil cincq cens et douze. Et lan du Reigne du Roy Henry huytiesme notre tresredoubte et souuerain seigneur quatriesme.

Hervnto Garter and Clarencieulx did subscribe and put the seales of their Armes.

GRANT OF ARMS TO WILLIAM SWAYNE, CO. SOMERSET, BY JOHN WREXWORTH, GUYAN KING OF ARMS, DATED 29TH JAN., 39 HENRY VI. (1461).

[Add. MS. 14295, fo. 5*b*.]

To all gentilmen & women theise p^{r}sent letters hearing or seeing humble recommendacion by me Guyan King of Armes, hit is so that manye psons moved of noble Courage purposinge to excercyse & use vertuous manners & condicions by the abillitye of w^{ch} conditions & noble conversation wth god's grace shall com̄ to the pfection of great honour of w^{ch} psons foresayd on specyally entendinge to all gentilmen is come to me the foresayd Guyon Kinge of Armes, a discrete and notable man called William Swayne borne in the Countie of Somerset requyring & praying me to devyse A Sygne And a Cognisaunce in fourme of armes for him & the issue of his boddie lawfully begotten to beare and use in warr & peace for perpetuall memorie at the request of him concerninge the woorshipfull dispotion of his person & habilitie in all gentilnes. I have devysed yeoven & graunted unto the said W^{m} A Signe & A Cognisance of Armes, thay is to saye, that hee bears *Azure, A Cheveron of golde betwene three brode arrowe heads of the same, A Chiefe gules with three maydens heads in there heare.* The w^{ch} blason I the foresayd Gwyon Kinge of Armes witnesse: not then borne of any other pson whatsoever he bee wthin the Realme of England (otherwyse called the Ile of Great Brittaigne) The whiche signe and armes to have use & hold unto the said W^{m} Swayne & to the issue & procreation of his boddy law-

fullie begotten in all Woorship and gentilness everlasting And them to beare and enjoye without clayme or empechement of any ꝑson for evermore. Into witness of wᶜʰ I have doo written theise pʳsentes Sealed wᵗʰ the Seale of myne Armes & signed with my Signe manuell the xxixᵗⁱ daye of the moneth of Januarye in the xxxixᵗⁱ yeere of the Reygne of our Soveraigne lorde Kinge Henrie the vjᵗʰ after the Conquest of England. ꝑ Gyan King of Armes.*

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO ROBERT SYER OF ISHAM, CO. NORTHAMPTON, GENTLEMAN, BY WILLIAM CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX, DATED 11TH FEB., 1614–15.

[Copied from a 17th century folio MS. (formerly in the Aston Library) by Thos. Penson, Arms painter, now in the possession of the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher, F.S.A.]

To all & singuler aswell nobles & gentles as others to whom theis p'sentes shall come I Wm. Camden esqr. Clarencieux King of Armes of the south east & west ꝑtes of this Realme of England from the river of Trent southward sendeth greetinge in our Lord God ev'lastinge Amonge many & sundry monuments devised by our pruden progenitours to comend the memory of men of worth & good deserts to succeedinge ages it is notorious that the cheifest & most usuall hath been the bearinge of signes in sheildes comonly called Armes both as evident demonstracons of their vertues and rewardes of the same, that for their comendable service for their Prince & Country either in Warre or peace they may in their lives receive due honour and derive the same after their death successively to their posteritie In which respect whereas Robert Syer of Isham in the Countie of Northa[mpton] gent sonn of Roger Syer by Isabell one of the daughters & heires of Robert Hynder of Bankeswell [? Berkswell] in the coñ of Warr: gent sonne of Robert by Anne his wife daughter of Wm. Burton of Kingsley in the coñ York gent being descended of a family anciently bearinge Armes hath requested me to make serch how he may beare his Armes without p'iudice to any of the said family and surname and the same to exemplifie emblazon & testifie I could not but condescend to his lawfull request therein & haveinge made search accordingly do finde that he may lawfully beare *in a sheild Gules a fesse ingrailed betweene three Sea meawes Argent beaked & legged Sable* & for his Creast *on a heaulme & wreath of his coullers a tygres head erased or, with a collar ingrailed Gules langued Gules mantled Gules doubled Siluer* as more playnely appeareth depicted in the margent.† The which Armes & Creast & eu'y ꝑte & ꝑcell thereof I the said King of Armes by power & authoritie unto myne office annexed & graunted by Lr̃es patent under the great seale of England

* The MS. has a sketch of a broken seal: . . . . . *on a fess between three fleur de lis as many bucks' heads,* and two woodmen with staves for supporters; round the edge the letters W.R. on one side and GION on the other—the arms of Wickesworth (? Wrikesworth), *i.e.* John Wrexworth, Guyan King of Arms (Harleian Society, vol. lxvi, p. 247.—[Ed.]

† Tricks of arms and crest (sub Sayer) in Harl. MS. 5839, fo. 30*b*., and 6095, fo. 28*b*.

have ratified confirmed & allowed and also by theis p'ntes given and granted unto & for the abovesaid Robert Syer & to his heires & posteritie for ever to use beare & set forth in sheild coatearmour or otherwise with their due differences at his and their free liberty & pleasure accordinge to the lawdable custome & use of the Lawes of Armes without impediment lett or interrupcon of any person or personns whatsoever In witnes whereof I the said Clarenceux King of Armes have signed theis p'ntes with my hand & thereunto sett the seale of my office the xith day of ffebr. A^{o} 1614, A^{o} 11 [James King] Angl. et Scot. 47^{o}.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN AND JAMES, SONS OF WILLIAM TADLOW OF LONDON, GENT., BY THOMAS [HOLME], CLARENCEUX, DATED . . . . . 1478 (18 EDWARD IV).

[MS. No. 511 at the Society of Antiquaries.]

To all trew Christian People these Present Letters hearing seeing or reading, I Thomas Clarentieulx King of Armes of all the Province of the South Parties of this Realme send due and humble recommendac̃ons in our Lord God everlasting as it belongeth. For so much as many persons of their noble and gentle courage be mooved and stirred to exercise good vertuous and commendable Mannors and noble condic̃ons by the which, with Gods grace yee shall more attaine unto the perfection of great honor and noblenesse, of which persons one that is in especiall called John Tadlow and James his Brother the sonnes of William Tadlow of London gentleman, which hath tenderly prayed and required me the said King of Armes to make good and thorough search for the [? trew] Armes of his predecessors, at whose instaunce I have soe donne with all goodlie diligence and have found that the right Armes of John Tadlow and James his brother the Sonnes of William Tadlow and his predecessors [*sic*] been *Ermin, a frette per palle Azure and gules.* The Creast *uppon the Heaulme a Dragons winge ermin, thereon a frett per palle azure and Gules sett within a wreath silver and Gules, the mantle Gules lyned with Ermin,* which Armes and creast I the said King testifieing the same ratifie and confirme unto the said John Tadlow and James his Brother and to their posteritie, he and they to have occupie and reioyce the same and the same to be revested at their pleasures to their honour without anie impeachment interruption or lett of anie person or persons of the said Province for evermore. In Witness whereof I the said King of Armes to theis Presents have sett the Seale of myne Armes of authoritie and signed the same with myne hand in the yere of our Lord God one thousand fower hundred three score and eighteen and of the Raigne of our Souvraigne Lord King Edward the fowrth the eighteenth yeare.

" The coppie of the Originall of this Pattent was taken by Ralph Brooke, Yorke Herauld and justified by his hand."

William Tadlow of London, gent., maried and had ishue

John Tadlow of Lond̃. gent. lived the 18th of E. 4, 1478, maried and had ishue.

James Tadlow of London lived in the raigne of King Edw. 4.

(The issue of John was)

William Tadlow sonn of John maried Jane Da. and Co-heir of Richard Smith of Colches^{tr} in Essex.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO WILLIAM THOMAS OF LLAN THOMAS, GENTLEMAN, CO. BRECON, BY THOMAS HAWLEY, CLARENCEUX, DATED 1ST FEB., 5 EDWARD VI (1551–2).

[Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 435.]

To all and singuler Nobles & Gentells these p^{r}sent ŧres heareing or seeing Thomas Hawley aŧs Clarenceaux principall Herauld & King of Armes of the south east & west parts of the Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent Southward send due and humble Comendacons and greetings Equity willeth and reason ordaineth that men vertuous and of Noble Courrage be by theire Merritts, and good renowne rewarded not alonly their p̄sons in this mortall Life soe breife & transitory but alsoe after them those that shalbe of their bodies discended to be in all places of honor with other Nobles and Gentells accepted & taken by certeyne Ensignes & demonstracons of honor and Nobles that is to say Blazen helme & Tymbre to the end that by their ensamples others may the more Enforce themselues to haue p̄seuerance to vse their daies in feats of Armes and workes vertuous to gett the renowne of Antient Noblesse in their leignes & posteıities and therefore I Clarenceaux King of Armes as abouesaid not alonly by y^{e} Comon renowne but by the report and witnes of diuers worthy to be taken of word & Credence am plainely advertised and Informed that William Thomas of Lan Thomas in the County of Brecknock gentleman is discended of a house vndefamed and hath of a long tyme vsed himselfe soe worshipfull and discreetly soe that he hath well deserued to be in all places of honor Admitted numbred & taken in the number and Companie of other Nobles & Gentells and for the remembrance of the same by the vertue Authority power attributed giuen & granted by the King our Soũaigne Lds Highnes by Expresse words vnder his most noble great seale haue deuised Ordeyned giuen and granted vnto the said William Thomas Gentleman & to his posterity the Armes & Creast in manner as hereafter followeth (that is to say) *Siluer on a Cheueron Engrailed asure two Griffins rampant Combatant of the feild Armed & Langued gules about theire Neckes a Gemell on the same on a Cheife asure three Cinque foyles persed gules vpon his healme issiant out of the Coronall azure an Ostrige Siluer the tale Sable and Siluer Counter changed holding in his Beake gould, an horshooe azure mantled sable doubled siluer,* as more plainely appeareth depicted in the margent To haue and to hold to the said William Thomas Gent: and to his posterity and they that to enjoye and vse for euermore In witnes whereof I the said Clarenceaux King of Armes haue signed these p^{r}sents with my hand and sett thereunto the seale of my Armes with the seale of my office of Clarenceaux King of Armes giuen and granted at London the first day of ffebruary

in the fifth yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord King Edward the sixth by the grace of god of England France & Ireland defendr of the Faith and of ye Church of England & Ireland alsoe vndr Christ in Earth ye supreame head.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO FRANCIS THORNEDIKE OF BURNELL, CO. LINCOLN, AND TO HIS BROTHER HERBERT OF GREENFIELD, CO. LINCOLN, BY WILLIAM CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX, DATED 20TH NOV., 1616.

[Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 418.]

To all and singuler as well Nobles & Gent as others to whome these prsents shall come Wm Camden Clarenceux of the south east and west parts of England from the Riuer of Trent Southward sendeth Greeting in our Lord god euerlasting among many Sundry monuments devise[d] by our prudent pjenitors to Comend the Memorie of mens worth and good desert to succeeding Ages it is Notorious yt the Cheifest and most vsuall hath been the beareing Signes in Sheilds comonly called Armes both as evident demonstracons of their vertues and rewards of ye same yt for their comendable seruice for their prince & Country either in warr or peace yt they in their liues may receiue due honor and deriue ye same successiuely after their death to their posterity in wch respect whereas ffrancis Thornedike of Burnell in ye county of Lincolne and Harbert Thornedike his brother of Greenfeild in ye said County haue requested me to make search how they may beare their Armes wthout prjudice to any other of the sayd Family & surname & ye same to Exemplifie and Blason I could not but condescend to their reasonable requeste shewin and haueing made search accordingly doe finde yt he may Lawfully beare these Armes (vizt) in *a sheild Sable a crosse Ermine between 4 Leopards faces or*, and for their Creast *on a wreath of theire Coullours a dymey panther rampant Or, with flames of fire issueing at his mouth and Eares holding in his two pawes a Lawrell p'per mantled gules doubled argent*, as more playnely appeareth depicted in the margent* the wch Armes and Creast with every part and pcell thereof, I the King of Armes aforesd by power and Authority to my Office vnder the great seale of England doe giue and grant ratifie confirme and allowe vnto the said Francis & Herbert Thornedike and to their posterity to vse beare and sett forth in Sheild Coate Armour or otherwise with their due differences according to the Laudable Custome and vse of the Law of Armes in England without Impediment lett or Interrupcon of any pson or persons whatsoeuer. In witnesse whereof I the said King of Armes haue signed these prsents with my hand and thereunto sett the seale of my office in the Twentieth day of November in ye yeare of our Lord God 1616 and in the 14th yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord James by the grace of God King of great Brittaine ffrance and Ireland defendr of the faith &c.

* A trick of arms and crest in Harl. MS. 6095, fo. 34*b*, but without the flames of fire issuing at the mouth and ears of the panther.

Another coat is given in MS. C.23, Herald's College, and Harl. MS. 4125: *Argent, six guttées, three, two and one, gules ; on a chief of the last three leopards' faces or.*—[Ed.]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO ROBERT THORNEHILL OF WALKERINGHAM, CO. NOTTS., ESQ., BY GILBERT DETHICK, NORROY, DATED 14TH JUNE, 2 EDWARD VI, 1548.

[Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 452.]

To all nobles and Gentles these pʳsent letters reading heareing & seeing Gilbert Dethick aŧs Norry principall Herauld and King of Armes of ye North parts of this Realme of England from the riuer of Trent northward sendeth due and humble Comendacons and greeting Equity willeth and reason ordaineth that men vertuous and of noble Courage be by their merritts and good renowne rewarded not alonly by their psons in this Mortall life soe breife and Transitory but alsoe after them those that shalbe of their bodies discended to be in all places of honor with other Nobles & gentles accepted and taken by certeyne Insignes & demonstracons of honor & Noƀles that is to say Blazen healme and Tymbre to the End that by their Ensamples others may the more Enforce themselues to haue ꝑseuerance to vse their daies in feates of Armes and workes vertuous to gett the renowne of Antient Nobles in their Leignes and posterityes and forasmuch as Robert Thornehill of Walkringham in the County of Nottingham Esqʳ is discended of an Antient house beareing Armes Neverthelesse ye vncertaintye vnder what sort and manner his pʳdecessors beare Creast and Tymbre hath desired me the said Norry King of Armes Seeing his request soe Just and reasonable by the Authority and power annexed attributed giuen and granted by the King our Soũaigne Lords highnes by Expresse words vnder his most noble great seale and to my office of Norry King of Armes haue deuised Ordayned giuen and granted to the said Robert Thornehill for him and his posterity a Creast with Tymbre in manner as hereafter followeth (that is to say) *Gules on a Cheife a Castle azure two Gemells siluer ouer all a Baston in bend sable vpon his healme on Torce siluer and asure, a hawthorne the Berryes gules on a hill vert mantled guled doubled siluer*, as more plainely appeareth depicted in this Margent. To haue and to hould the said Creast & Armes for him and his posterity and they that to vse and enjoy to theire Worppˢ for euermore. In witnes whereof I haue signed these pʳsents with my hand sett the seale of my Armes, with the seale of myne Office of Norry King of Armes giuen & granted at London ye 14th of June in the second yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord King Edward the sixth by the grace of god &c.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO PETER THORNEY OF LONDON, CHIRURGEON, BY WILLIAM SEGAR, GARTER, DATED 10TH DEC., 1615.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 34.]

To all and singuler Persons As well Nobles as gentles to whome theise presents shall come Wiłłm Segar Garter principall King of Armes sendeth his due salutac̃ons and greeting. Know yee that auntiently from the beginning

yt hath beene a custome in all contreyes and comonwealthes well gouerned, that the bearing of certeyne markes in sheildes (comonly called Armes) haue beene and are the only signes and demonstracions either of prowess and valoure atchyued in tymes of warre, or of good life, ciuill conuersation or worthy endeauours for the publick good in tymes of peace. Among the which nomber I find Peter Thorney of London Chirurgion, the sonne of John Thorney of the same Cittye, to bee descended of a yonger howse of that surname and family in the County of Nottingham, and beareth for his ancient Coate Armo^{r} *Azure a Lion passant or betweene three mascles argent,* And not knowing certeynly what Creast or Cognizaunce his Auncestours haue formerly borne hath requested mee the sayd Garter to appoint him such a one as hee may lawfully beare without wrong doing or preiudise to any person or persons whatsoeuer. Which according to his request I haue accomplished and granted in manner and forme as is depicted in the margent, vilt: *on a healme forth of a wreath of his coulours a demy Lyon proper extending the right foote wounded with a thorne,* in comemoracõn of that auncient and memorable Roman history of Andronious [Androclus] that cured a Lyon so wounded. All w^{ch} Armes and Creast I the sayd Garter do by theise presentes ratify confirme and graunt to the sayd Peter Thorney and to his issue for euer; And that it shall bee Lawfull for him and them at all tymes and in all places to vse beare and shew forth the same, in Signett sheild, Ensigne, Coate Armour, or otherwise, at his and theire free liberty and pleasure without Lett or molestacõn. In wittnes wherof I the sayd Garter do hereunto put my hand & seale of Office the tenth day of Decemb̃: in the thirteenth yeare of the reigne of our Souereigne Lord James by the grace of God King of great Brittayne, ffrance, & Irlande, defender of the faith &c. An^{o} Dñi 1615.

Wiłłm Segar Garter.

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CONFIRMATION OF ARMS WITH AUGMENTATION AND GRANT OF CREST TO WILLIAM TOWERSON OF LONDON, CITIZEN AND MERCHANT (FROM CUMBERLAND), BY WILLIAM FLOWER, NORROY, DATED 24TH JAN., 1581.

[MS. Ashm. 834 I, fo. 53, and *The Sphere of Gentry, deduced from the Principles of Nature* (Book 3, p. 111), by Sylvanus Morgan, published 1661.)*

To all and singuler aswell nobles and gentles as others to whome these presentes shall come, be seene, heard, read or vnderstoode, William Flower Esquire otherwyse called Norroy kinge of Armes and principall herald of the East west and North partes of the realme of England from the river of Trent Northward, Sendeth greetinge in our lord god everlastinge. For asmuche as auncientlie even from the beginninge it hath bene thoght verie expedient and necessarie in all well governed kingdomes and comõn weales, to comẽnd vnto

* A copy of this grant was printed in *The Principal Historical and Allusive Arms*, collected by an Antiquary (Col. de la Motte).—[Ed.]

the after age and posteritie, the vertuous and valiaũt actes of excellent persons, with sondry monumentes and remembraũces of their good desartes: as emonge the Greekes by the inscription of Trophees emonge the Romanes by the erection of Statues, ymages and Arkes triumphall, with titles and appellations of honor accordingly: and of later emonge the most parte of all nations, by bearinge of Shieldes with tokens of honor called Armes, beinge verie significant demonstrations of prowesse and valoir, accustumably wont to be distributed accordinge to the qualities and deseartes of the persons meritinge the same. To th' entent that such as in their lyfe and conversation do shewe furth the fruyctes of true nobilitie: that is to say the livelie operatiõs of Prudence, Justice, Temperance, and Fortitude, desearvinge renowne of excellency in theim: and do moreover wholly addicte theimselves with a resolute mynde and invincible constancy, to continew in pure faith to God, in fathfull heart to their Prince and in hartie love to their Contrey and kinsfolke, which indeede are the true fruycts of a right noble disposition, agreinge with the truest definition of Noblenes which doth not consist in the fletinge giftes of fortune, but in our owne vertue and prowesse: the excellency wherof, sheweth the person in whom it is resiant, worthie to be preferred and estemed before others: May therfore receve due honor and estimation in their lives, and also derive and convey the same to their ofspringe and posteritie for ever. The due consideration heerof, puttinge me the said Norroy kinge of Armes in remembrance of myne office and dutie, hath moved me to enclyne vnto the request of William Towerson citizen and Marchant of London aswell adventurer, as the Societes of Muscovia Spaine Portugall and the East Partes a yonger brother of the famelie of the Towersons of Coupland in the Countie of Cũberland who discreetly consideringe that it is more prayse worthie, to leaue vnto posteritie the memorie of our owne vertues then to leave all togethers and depend vpon the deseart and good fame of our forefathers hath therfore required me in lieu of an ordinarie difference in Armorie wont to be appropriated to the Armes of yonger bretheren to assigne vnto him the armes of his auncestors with some such augmentatioñ in the shield, and ornament on the healme as may fittely convey vnto his ofspringe and posterite a continuall recordacõn of his well spent tyme in this lyfe to the discharge of his vocation and callinge, and to the encoragement of others in the lyke purpose of welldoenge, As one who for the service of his prince and weale of his Contrey, hath not spared to adventure and hazard his lyfe and to weare his bodie with longe and tedious traveyle in sondrie paynfull and dangerous voyages made into Africa worthie eternall memorie, In the first wherof havinge fought and had greate conflict with the Portugalles and Nigroes in two places of the Coũtrey by land neere vnto the castle of the Myne, he kept notwithstandinge that cost still and Mayntened his trafique neere vnto the said Castle, in despight (as it weere) of all there forces. And lykewyse in an other voyage towardes that shore havinge Maistered thre shippes of Fraunce readie to annoy him, and after assayled by five of the kinge of Portugalles shippes, with whome he fought welneere a whole day, not withstandinge that two of his owne and two of the frenche shipes fled from him yet did he not only valiantly defend him selfe but rescued the best of his former mastered frenche shippes and constreyned the Portugals to retyre to their fort adioyninge besydes a hard encountre had be-

twene him and a french shippe of warre in his retorninge homewarde at that tyme Together with the lyke prosperous successe in a third voyage when as he rydinge vnder the Island of Canaria with only thre shippes and a pinnes forced xxix of the kinge of Spaines shippes bound for the Indees to seeke peace with him and to winne his frendship by giftes and rewardes: and after fightinge alone succourlesse with five of the kinge of Portugalles shippes compelled theim to retyre to their castle and in that voyage settinge vpon thre tall frenche shippes tooke one of theim: besydes the burninge of Mowre and Shamma two great townes beyonde castle of the Myne in league with the Portugales with the killinge and drivinge away of the Portugalles and Nigroes that therin prohibited his trafique: these valurous attemptes do sufficientlie declare him the said Willm̃ Towerson to be a man well worthie of the vttermost favor that may be shewed him in that behalfe and have easelie wonne me the said Norroy kinge of Armes to condiscend vnto his request, and therfore by power and authoritie to me cõmitted by letters patentes vnder the greate seale of England, have assigned given and granted vnto the said Willm̃ Towerson to the auncient Armes of his famelie and surname beinge *gueules a fece betwene thre bores heades couppe ermyn*, for an apt and significant declaration of his said voyages and navigations, *on a canton argent a shippe sable with all equippage and furnitures.* And for the further declaration of his prowesse courage and valiancy for his creast or Cognoysance *on the healme, a demy Nigro in proper colour prepared to the conflict with dart and pavice gould, thervnto addinge wreath and Mantelles of argent and gueules*, as more playnly appereth depicted in the margine heerof. Which Armes and augmentation, togither with the said Creast or Cognoysance, and everie part and parcell therof I the said Norroy kinge of Armes by power and aucthoritie aforesaid and by vertue of myne office of kinge of Armes do by these presentes give and grãnt ratifie and confirme vnto the said William̃ Towerson and to his ofspringe and posteritie for ever. He and they the same to have, hould, vse, beare, enioye and shewe furth at all tymes and for ever heerafter with their due differences accordinge to the lawe of Armes, in shield, cote Armore, penon, seale, hachement or otherwise at his and their libertie and pleasure, with owt the impediment lett or interruption of any person or persons. In witnesse wherof I the sayd Norroy kinge of Armes haue herevnto subscribed my name and sette to the Seale of myne office the 24 day of January, In the yere of our Lord God a thousand fyve hundred eightie one, and in the 24 yere of the prosperous reigne of our most gracious Souũeigne Lady queene Elizabeth.

ALTERATION IN AND CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND SUPPORTERS OF SIR NICHOLAS TUFTON, KNIGHT AND BARONET, BARON OF TUFTON AND EARL OF THANET, BY SIR WILLIAM SEGAR, GARTER, DATED 22ND OCT., 1628.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 199.]

To all and singuler persons as well noblemen as others to whome theise pñts shall come Sr Wiłłm Segar Knt. ałs Garter principall king of Armes sendeth

his due commendations and greeting: Know yee y^{t} at the request of the right honõble S^{r} Nicholas Tufton K^{t} and Barronet Lo: Tufton Barõ: of Tufton, and Earle of Thanet, I have assigned & sett forth unto his honours use this Atcheivement with his former Supporters as in the margent depicted: and by vertue of my office, wherin I am interested to serve and observe the nobility of this kingdome; I doe confirme the same with all the alteracons therin unto the right honoũble Nicholas Earle of Thanet and to the heires Male of his body lawfully begotten for ever: That is to say theise Coates *quarterly viz. first Sable an Eagle displaied Ermin wth in a bordure Argent, by the name of* TUFTON, *The second gules a Crosse Argent with a Labell of* 5 *points Azure by the name of* HEVER, *The third Gules a Cheveron betweene three Lyons pawes erazed with in a bordure Argent, by the name of* BROWNE: *The fourth Azure a Cheveron or betweene* 3 *Swans Argent By the name of* CHARLETON, *The* 5th *party p' bend sinister Sable & Or a Lyon rampant counterchanged by the name of* FRANCIS. *The last as the first, all betwixt two Eagles displaied Ermin for Supporters: And over y^{e} said sheild a Crowne and Helmett of his degree, & theron a wreath of his Lo'ps coulers with the usuall Creast of a Lyon dragonett sitting Argent: The Mantle Gules doubled Ermin,* as befitteth an Earle. And farther both unto his Lop̃ and his posterity and to his Lop̃s brethren, and to all other of his honours name, family and Lyneage, I graunt and Confirme the bearing of this first principall and paternall coate, wth theire severall and due differences according to theire degrees in bloud, The alteracõn from theire former used Armes, unto theise being not very Little: The w^{ch} alteracõn of Armes in forme aforesaid, Supporters and whole Atcheivement, I the said Garter do hereby ratifie confirme and Establish: In wittnes wherof I have herunto sett my hand and seale, and put the seale of my office the 22 of October in the fourth yeare of the raigne of o^{r} soveraigne Lord Charles by the Grace of God King of Eng: Scotland: ffraunce & Ireland defender of the faith &^{c} Anno Domini 1628.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS TO JOHN TWYNE OF PRESTON, CO. KENT, ESQ., BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 21ST NOV., 1571.

[MS. Ashm. 834 I, fo. 32.]

Quum Johannes Twynus de Preston in Comitatu Cantiæ me Clarencieulx regem Armorum obnixè rogauerit vt generis sui insigne quod vulgo Arma vocant ei significarem: Ego quidem viro virtute et eruditione claro gratificari cupiens, antiquis et autenticis Heraldicæ artis registris euolutis, avita ac propria eius familiæ insignia inveni. Quamobrem ne temporis iniuria seu alia quauis occasione nonæ inquisitionis materia denùo præbeatur, Clypei sui notas ac signa eidem annexa pro pleniori notitia in forma quæ sequitur Gallicè explanavi videlicet: *En le champ d'argent vng fesse embatelle et en le chief deux estoilles de sable:* prout in margine præsentium ad vivum delineantur. Quæ quidem insignia ego prænominatus Clarencieulx dicto Johanni Twyno posterisque suis addixi, tradidi et in perpetuum confirmavi per præsentes manu [*sic*] meæ propriæ subscriptione

corroboratas Londini vicesimo primo die Nouembris Anno Salutis à Christo m.ccccc.lxxj. &c.

subsig: R. C. Clarencieulx.

Examinatur per R. Glouer Somersett.

Complementum Armoriale Johannis Twyne de Preston in Comitatu Canciæ Armigeri. 1579.

On a wreath argent and sable a dexter arm proper couped below the wrist clenching in the hand two serpents entwined erect proper.

GRANT OF ARMS, CREST, AND SUPPORTERS TO GILBERT VANE, LORD BARNARD, BY JOHN ANSTIS, GARTER, DATED 27TH FEB., 1724–5. [Harl. MS. 6832, fo. 236.]

To all and Singular to whom these Presents shall come, John Anstis Esq^r^ Garter Principal King of Arms, & Chief Officer of Arms of the most Noble Order of the Garter sendeth Greeting whereas the King's most Excellent Majesty hath been graciously pleas'd to intimate unto me his Royal commands, by a Warrant under the Signet and Sign Manual in the following words:

George R—— whereas the late King William of glorious Memory, by letters Patent, under the Great Seal bearing date y^e^ Twenty-fifth of July, in the tenth year of his Reign, did Create Christopher Vane Esq^r^ to be Lord Barnard, of Barnard Castle in the County Palatine of Durham, to have and to hold the same to him, and to the Heirs Males of his Body, by whose death the said Peerage and Barony is descended to our Right Trusty & wel-beloved Gilbert Vane, now Lord Barnard, who, as we are inform'd hath applyd himself unto you our Garter King of Arms for Supporters to be granted unto him, which is a privilege belonging to all the Nobility of this our Realm, to be used by him, and all others to whom the said Title shall descend, according to the Limitation in the said Letters Patent with the Antient Coat of Arms used by his Ancestors for several Centuries: But that you our Officer being appriz'd that S^r^ Henry Vane ffather to the said Christopher was attainted, whereby the said Antient Arms were forfieted, and not Knowing that either the said Attainder was revers'd, or that there was any Restitution in Blood, did, According to the Trust reposed in you, decline to proceed therein without our special Commands for that purpose. We therefore to whom the said Arms are Escheated by Vertue of the said attainder, do hereby declare it to be our Royal Will and Pleasure, and We hereby direct and Command you forthwith to Grant the Arms born by the said S^r^ Henry Vane before his said Attainder, And by his Ancestors, unto our said Right Trusty & wel-beloved Gilbert, now Lord Barnard to be born & used by him, and by all other the Descendents of his Father Christopher late Lord Barnard, with the proper Distinctions according to the Laws of Arms;

And that you also grant & add thereto Supporters to be born and used by the said Gilbert Lord Barnard, & all others to whom the said Title and Peerage shall

Descend by Virtue of the said Letters Patent; for all which purposes these presents shall be your sufficient warrant, which together with your Grant of the said Arms and of Supporters to be made in persuance hereof, We direct you to enter in our College of Arms. Given Under our Signet & Sign Manual at our Court at S^{t} James's the Sixteenth day of February 1724–5 in the Eleventh year of our Reign—by his Majesty's Command. Holles Newcastle.

To our trusty and welbeloved Servant John Anstis Esq^{r} our Garter Principal King of Arms.

Now know ye that in Obedience thereunto, I the said Garter Principal King of Arms, do by these presents, Grant unto the Right Honourable Gilbert, Lord Barnard the Coat-Arms born by S^{r} Henry Vane, before his said Attainder, and by his Ancestors, Viz^{t} 1st VANE, *Azure, three left-hand Gauntlets Or.* 2nd DE LA DENE, *Argent, a Cheveron engrail'd Sable, between three Pellets.* 3rd DE LA LEKE, *Azure, a chief Argent, over all a Lyon Rampant Or, Crown'd with a Ducal Coronet Gules.* 4th ST. OWEN, *Gules, a Cross Argent, in the first quarter, an Eschotcheon Or, charged with three Cheveronels gules.* 5th FITZ-ELLIS, *Argent, a Bend between Six flowers de Lis Gules.* 6th PERSALL, *Quarterly,* 1st & 4th *Paly of Six Or & Azure;* 2nd & 3rd *Ermine, all within a Border of the Second.* And for his Crest, *on a wreath of his Colours, a Dexter Hand in Armour, coped at the Wrist proper, holding a sword Argent, the Hilt & Pomel Or.* To be born & used by him the said Gilbert Lord Barnard, & by all other the Descendants of his Father Christopher late Lord Barnard with the poper Distinctions according to the Laws of Arms; which said Coat Arms, impaling those of his Lady, being four Coats *Quarterly, Scil^{t}* 1st RANDYLL; *Sable, on a Saltire Or, five Martletts of the first.* 2nd SHELLEY; *Argent, a Cheveron betwen three Escallops Sable.* 3rd HARDING; *Argent, on a bend Azure,* 3 *martlets Or.* 4th MORGAN; *Or, a Griffin Rampant Sable;* are in the Margin hereof more lively Depicted. And it being a special Right & privilige appertaining to the Peers of this Realm to have Supporters added to their Arms as well for their greater Honour, as to Distinguish them from Persons of an Inferior Rank, I the said Garter, do in further Obedience to his Majesty's Warrant Above Express'd, Give Grant & assign unto the said Right Honourable Gilbert Lord Barnard, the Supporters hereafter mentioned, viz^{t} *on the Dexter side a Griffin Argent, about his neck a Collar Azure charg'd with* 3 *left-hand Gauntlets Or, and on the Senister side an Antelope Or, with a like Collar charged with as many Martlets Or,* as the same are likewise, with the said Arms in the Margin Depicted. Which said Supporters, he the said Gilbert Lord Barnard & the Heirs & other Descendents of his Body, having & enjoying the said Honour & Dignity, shall & may Lawfully bear & use, at all times & upon all Occasions, according to the practice & usage of Arms, without the lett or Interruption of any Person or Persons whatsoever. In witness whereof I the said Garter Principal King of Arms, have to these presents subscribed my Name & Affixed the Seal of my Office the 27th day of February in the Eleventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George, by ye Grace of God, of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.

Annoqꝫ Doñi 1724–5.

John Anstis Garter
Principal King of Arms.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO WILLIAM WADE OF BILDESTON, CO. SUFFOLK, GENTLEMAN, BY WILLIAM CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX, DATED 8TH NOV., 1604.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 49.]

To all Nobles and Gentles to whom theis p'sents shall come William Camden Esquire alʒ Clarenceux king of Armes of the South East and west parts of this Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent Southwardes sendeth his due Cõmendations and greeting. Know yee wheras auntiently from the beginning it hath byn a custome in all Countryes and cõmon wealthes well gouerned the bearyng of certeyne markes in sheildes cõmonly called Armes haue byn and are the liuely signes and demonstrations, either of prowess and valour atcheiued in the feild by martiall men in tymes of warre or ells the rewardes of vertue for the good lyfe & conversation of others in tymes of peace. Amonges the which number for that I finde William Wade the sonne of William Wade the sonne of Robert of Bildeston in the county of Suffolke gent; whoe beareth *azure One saltour or, fiue escalloppes of the first betweene fower flower de luces of the second,* and wanting vnto his sayd Coate of Armes a conuenient Creast or cognizance fytt to bee borne as diuers auntient coats doe, hath requested me the said Clarenceux by vertue of my office to appoint him such a one as he may lawfully beare without wrong doing or preiudice to others. The which according to his iust request I haue accomplished & granted, viz^{t} *on a wreath of his cullers a talbot passant argent the eares & flacks of hayres redd, about his neck a collor & lease gould,* as more plainly it doth appeare in the margent.* All which Armes & Creast I the said Clarenceux doe by theise p'sents ratifie and confirme vnto the said William Wade & to his posterity for euer. And that it shall be lawfull for him & them to vse beare and shew forth the same in signett Sheilde, ensigne, Coate Armour, or otherwise at his and their free liberty & pleasure without lett or molestation. In wittnes wherof I the said king of Armes haue herunto sett my hand & seale of office the eighte day of Nouember 1604. And in the second yeare of the raigne of our soueraigne Lord James by the grace of God King of England ffrance and Ireland defender of the faithe &c. And of Scotland the eight and Thirtith.

William Camden Clarenceux
King of Armes.

* Coloured coat of arms and crest in margin. At the foot of the copy in *Grants Book*, ii, p. 574, there is the following: "This is a true Copie of the originall Patent now remayning in the Custodie of Mr. William Wade of Foster Lane Goldsmith & Citizen of Lon. examined therewth the 14th of November 1639 By us.

W^{m} le Neve Clarencieux.
William Wade.
Geo. Browne. Natha. Howes.
Edmund Langley."

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO ROBERT WAKEMAN OF BERE FERRERS, CO. DEVON, DOCTOR OF SACRED THEOLOGY, BY WILLIAM CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX, DATED 16TH MAY, 1616.

[Original in British Museum, in Latin, Add. Charter 26607.]

To all and singular as well noblemen and gentlemen as others, to Whom these [presents] shall come, William Camden, Clarenceux King of Arms in the East, West and South parts of the Kingdom of England, greeting. From ancient times until the present not only to men celebrated for the glory of their deeds & the excellence & greatness of their hearts but also adorned by piety, learning, prudence & other virtues, various ornaments of honour, monuments of glory & marks of praise were given, & also in deed the virtue of honour & splendour be decorated for the profit as well of themselves & by the memory of posterity to be commended & as it were consecrated, among which ornaments those in shields commonly called Arms, evident demonstration & testimony of virtue, have obtained the principal place among all Christian people & in use are now most frequent. Whereas also the venerable man Robert Wakeman of Beer-ferris, in the county of Devon, Doctor of Sacred Theology has requested me that the insignia which without prejudice he bore might be assigned & exemplified to him & whereas I could not but be satisfied he was descended from a family which formerly bore arms, being ennobled by the dignity of the doctorate of sacred Theology I therefore grant to the said Robert Wakeman who not only by the grave judgment of the Academy of Oxford to such a grade but also by his virtue, piety & learning merits to be dignified & ennobled, that he bear these signs or arms thus heraldically described: *In a shield Argent, on a crosse Sable, a Crowne in a Sunne glorious resplendent Or.* For crest also *above the helmet & wreath of their proper colours, A Cock in his proper and native colours, with a scrole in his bek inscribed, Evigila Qui Dormis,* as is shown clearly depicted in the margin.* Which said arms together with the crest, I, the aforesaid King of Arms, by virtue of my office and by authority given to me under the Great Seal of England, grant & confirm to the same Robert Wakeman & his children & posterity, that he & they have, bear & use in seals, buildings, utensils, tombs or monuments & all other things whatsoever, with their differences, according to the laws of arms without any impediment. In witness whereof I have subscribed my name with my own hand & put the seal of my office, the 16th day of May 1616 in the year of the reign of King James of Great Britain, France & Ireland the 14th & of Scotland the 50th.

William Camden, Clarenceux
King of Arms.

[Endorsement, in a different hand]: The Cock given for the Crest in the Armes within described is like that in Geffrey Chaucer in the Nunnes Priest his Tale and is called Chaunteclere:

His comb was redder than the fine corall
and battelled as it had be a castle wall

* On vellum, seal missing. Coloured coat of arms and crest emblazoned in margin. Motto below the shield: "Patior ut Potiar."—[ED.]

his bill was black, as any iet it shone
And azure were his legs and His tone
His nayles whiter then the lilly flour
and like the burned gold was his colour.

Another of Chaunteclere.

A crowned King, a complete Knight
an armed captaine fitt to fight
A plumed Courtier fayrly clad
A lover that was never sad
A Trumpeter, the huswifes mate
Who riseth early sleepeth late
A Querister, the poore mans clock
all this is Chaunteclere our Cock.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO HENRY WALKER OF COTTON HALL, STAFFS., BY JOHN ANSTIS, GARTER, AND PETER LE NEVE, NORROY, DATED 20TH FEB., 1726.

[Grants Book, vii, p. 586.]*

To All And Singular to whom these Presents shall come, John Anstis Esqr Garter principal King of Arms & Peter Le Neve Norroy King of Arms send Greeting. Whereas those Ancient Badges, or Ensigns of nobility commonly called or Known by the name of Arms, have heretofore and are still continued to be conferred upon deserving Persons, to distinguish them from the Common sort of people who neither can or may pretend to use them without lawful Authority, And Whereas Henry Walker of Cotton Hall in the Parish of Milwich in the County of Stafford, hath made Application to the Right Honourable Talbot Earl of Sussex, Knight of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Deputy with the Royal Approbation to his Grace Thomas Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England, For our Devising, and after his Lordships consent and Approbation Granting and Assigning unto him such Arms and Crest as he and his descendants may lawfully bear. And for as much as his Lordship duely considering the request, and also the qualification of the said Henry Walker, did by Warrant under his Hand and Seal bearing date the seventeenth Day of January last Order and direct us to devise and after his Lordship's consent and Approbation Grant and Assign to the said Henry Walker and his Descendants, such Arms and Crest accordingly. Now Know ye that we the said Kings of Arms in pursuance of the said consent of the said Earl of Sussex, and by virtue of the Letters Patents of our said offices granted to us under the Great Seal, do by these Presents with his Lordship's Approbation Grant and assign unto the said Henry Walker the Arms and Crest hereafter mentioned viz. *Argent a Cheveron between three Crescents Gules, a Chief Ermines,*

* Mr. S. Grundy Newman informs the Editor that the original of this grant is in the William Salt Library, Stafford, and that the seals are broken.

and for his Crest, *on a wreath of his Colours a greyhound sejant Sable, reposing his Dexter Paw on an Antique Shield Gules, thereon a Crescent Argent,* as the same is in Margin hereof more plainly depicted, To be born, and used for ever hereafter by him the said Henry Walker and the Heirs and other descendants of his Body, with their due differences, according to the laws and practice of Arms, without the let, or interruption of any Person or Persons, whatsoever; In Witness whereof the said Garter & Norroy Kings of Arms have to these presents subscribed their Names and affixed the Seals of their several Offices the 20th day of February in the twelfth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George King of Great Britain France and Ireland defender of the Faith etc. Annoque Dom 1726.

John Anstis Garter Principal King of Arms.

Peter Le Neve Norroy King of Arms.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO WILLIAM WEBBE OF MOTCOMBE, CO. DORSET, ESQ., AND TO JOHN, HIS BROTHER, BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 17TH JUNE, 1577. [MS. Ashm. 844, fo. 63.]

To all and singuler aswell Nobles and gentills as others to whome these presentꝭ shall come. Robert Cooke Esquire alias Clarencieulx principall herauld and kinge of Armes of the sowth, East, and West partes of this Realme of England from the River of Trent Sowthward sendeth gretinge. ffor asmuch as William Webbe of Motcombe in the Countie of Dorset Esquire beinge descended of Woorshipfull parentage, hath required me the said Clarencieulx to make search in the Registers and Recordes of my Office for the auncient Armes belonginge to that name and famyly wherof he is descended, Knowe ye that at his request, I have made search, and fond in the same, that he the said William Webbe is second sonne to Wiłłm Webbe of the Citie of Newe Saŕe in the Countie of Wiltshere, deceased, and of Katheren his wyfe doughter and heir of John Abaroughe Esquire, So that the Armes to him belonginge, and lineally descended from his Auncestors are these, That is to say *quarterly in the first for* WEBBE, *gules a crosse humetie engrayled betwene fowre faulcons gould. In the second for* ABAROUGH, *sables two Swordes in saultier, the blades silver betwene fower flower deleicis, the hilt pomell and border gould. Over all in an Escochin of pretence.* In the right of Katheren his wyfe daughter and coheire of George Tourney gentleman, sonne and heir of Walter Tourney Esquire and of Anne his wyfe daughter and coheire of Stephen Payn Esquire soñe and heire of Roƀte Payne, and Elizabeth his wyfe daughter and heir of John Lonye and Susan his wife daughter and heire of Wiłłm fflory gentlemen, which Robert Payne, was sonne and heire of John Payne, and Beatrix his wyfe daughter and heir of Symon Scorlage, who bare *quarterly, the first for* TORNAY, *argent an Annelet betwene thre scallopps gules. In the second for* PAYNE, *sables thre fusels argent, In the third for* SCORLAGE, *argent thre barres, thre Sinquefoyles in chiefe gules, In the fourth*

for LOYNYE, *Checkque argent and asure, on a chiefe gules two mollettꝫ gould, In the fyfte for* FFLOREY, *asure a cressant argent between thre flower delucis or.* And for asmuch as I fynd no Creast to the said Armes and name of Webbe belonginge, as comonly to all auncient Armes there belongeth none, I the said Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes have given vnto him by way of encrease for his Creast or Cognoysañce *issuinge owt of a crowne a demy Eagle displayed gould mantelled gules dubled silver* as more playnly appereth depicted in the Margent, Which Armes and Creast I the said Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes, by the aucthoritie vnto my Office añexed by ℔res patentꝫ vnder the great seale of England do ratifie and confirme vnto the said willm̃ webbe Esquire and to John his brother* and to his posteritie with theire due differences, to vse beare and shew in Shield cote armore or otherwise at his and their libertie and pleasure, with owt impedement, let or interruption of any person or persons, In witnesse wherof I the said Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes have sett hervnto my hand and seale of Office the xvijth of June, Anno dñi 1577 and in the xixth yeare of the Raigne of our Souereigne Lady Queene Elizabeth &c.

The patent last before written was surrendred and delyuered vp to Robert Cook alꝭ Clarencieulx and the same new written, wherin *the crosse engreyled humettè, is made a playne crosse thorough out,* and the Armes and creast ar allowed vnto the said Willm̃ Webbe and vnto John his brother, and to their posterities, Bearinge date, and in all thinges els agreable and answeringe to the patent her before written.

Howbeit the alteration of the Armes, and the writinge new of the Patent was at the sute of one [*blank in MS.*] Wyatt of the Inner Temple in Marche 1586, viz. the xxvjth day of March.

AUGMENTATION FROM ROBERT, EARL OF LEICESTER, TO BERNARD WHETSTONE, ESQ., DATED 30TH SEPT., 1586.

[Harl. MS. 7017, fo. 177.]

Robert Earle of Leicester Baron of Denbigh Justice of Oyer & Terminer of her Ma^{ties} fforestes Chases & Parkes on this side Trent, Maister of the Horse to the Queenes most excellent Ma^{tie}, one of the Lordes of her Ma^{ties} most honorable privy Counsell, knight of the most noble order of the Garter & S^{ct} Michael her highnes Leiftenant & Captein gen^{r}all of her Ma^{ties} army & forces in the low Countries and Governour gen^{r}all of all the Provinces & Cities vnited in the said low Countries & their associates. To all those to whom these presentes shall come: Know yee that for the true faithfull & valiant s'vice to vs by o^{r} trusty & welbeloved servant Bernard Whetstone Esqr done in his owne ꝑson in Gelderland & elswhere in the low countries & especially for his valiant s'vice on horsback vpon the enemy nere Zutphen the 22 day of September 1586 stilo Angliæ, Wee have of our especiall favour and for his well des'ving given & granted vnto the said Bernard Whetstone & his heires for ever full power & lawfull authority

* The words "and to John his brother" are interpolated in the MS.—[ED.]

to adioyne his owne armes heretofore by himselfe & his Anncestors long borne & for augmentation of honor & reputation of the s'vices before remembred to the said Bernard & his posterity for ever this escochion & coate of armes ensuing (viz.) *In a shield argent a lyon rampt sa. armed gu. & in the same scochion in a Canton dexter gu. a Cinq foile ermyns* [*sic*] & for his Crest *on a wreath argt & sable a right arme armed sable bearing in the gauntlett a lance or broken in the middle the upper part thereof hanging downeward wth a banner rolle gu.* as appeareth by the said armes & crest wth the rest of the Coates of Inheritance of the said Bernard in this patent depainted marshalled & truly set downe. The wch armes & crest aforesaid wth such Coates of Inheritance as he the said Bernard doth now beare or any of his posterity may hereafter in right beare, yt ys and shalbe lawfull for the said Bernard & his heires to carry marshall & vse at all times & in all places as his & their first & principall Coates and as his or their proper armes & crest for ever. And for further testimony hereof vnto all Marshalls Heraulds Officers of Armes & other persons whatsoever Wee have caused these or lres to be made patent vnder our hand & seale in our Campe before Zutphen the last day of September Ao. Dñi 1586.

Bernard Whetstone Esq.

1. *Ar. a lyon rampt sa. armed gu. on a canton dexter gu. a Cinq foile ermyns* [*sic*].
2. *Ar. a beare saliant sa. head or wth a* ☾ *for a difference.*
3. *Ar.* 3 *roches vert within a bordure engr. ar.*
4. 4tly *as the first.*

Crest *on a torce ar. & sa. a right arme armed sa. bearing in the said gantlett a lance or broken in the middle the vpper part thereof hanging downeward.*

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS TO JOHN WHITGIFT, D.D., BISHOP OF WORCESTER, BY SIR GILBERT DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 2ND MAY, 1577. [MS. Queen's Coll. 145, fo. 1*b*.]

These armes were confirmed to John Whitgift Bishopp of Worcester by Sr Gilbert Dethicke Kt als Garter principall King of Armes, Dat' ye 2d of May ao 19mo Reginæ Elizabethæ annoqꝫ Dñi 1577.

A trick shows, ... , *on a cross flory azure four bezants.*—[Ed.]

EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO JOHN WHITGIFT, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, AND HIS BROTHERS BY WILLIAM DETHICK, GARTER, AND WILLIAM CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX, DATED 22ND JAN., 1598 [40 Eliz.].

[MS. Queen's Coll. 137, No. 68.]

Vniuersis et Singulis Nobilibus et generosis, quam Cæteris ad quos hæc pervenerint: Gulielmus Dethicke Garterus Principalis Rex Armorum Angli-

corum et Gulielmus Camden Clarencieulx, Rex Armorum in Occidentalibus orientalibus et australe Angliæ Regionibus Salutem. Ab Heroicis vsqꝫ temporibus, non solum viris excellenti animi magnitudine, et rebus gestis præclaris, verum etiam Doctrina, Pietate, Prudentià, ceterisque virtutibus ornatis, varia honoris, ornamenta gloriæ monumenta et laudis insignia quibus eorum memoria posteritati Commendetur, et quasi Consacretur laudaƀissimo maiorum instituto Conferri soleat, Inter quæ insignia in Clipeis (Quæ Arma vulgo vocantur) præcipuum locum obtinerent, et in vsu sunt frequentissimo. Qũ vero Reuerendissimus in Christo Pater, Joñes Whitegift Archiepiscopus Cantuariensis Primas et totius Angliæ Metrapolitanus, quem ad tantæ dignitatis fastium spectata Prudentia Doctrinaqꝫ et Pietas provexerunt. ffilius sit Henrici Whitgift nuper de Grimsby in Comitatu Lincolne, ffilij Johanni Whitgift de Comitatu Ebor: generosi qui gesserunt *in scuto argenteo quinqꝫ Byzantinos super Crucem formatam floridam ex nigro.* Hec auita eius insignia, ad posterorum memoriam describenda et in Margine depingenda curavimus. De Crista autem Cum minus Constet quæ hijs Armis Competat nosqꝫ rogauerunt vt antiquis his Armis Cristam quam gestare possit, adiungeremur. Nos vt nihil ad tanti viri de Ecclesia, et Republica Anglicana optime merita dignitatem deesse videatur, excogitauimus et assignauimus vt pro Crista vtatur *super Tortile, ex suis Coloribus Leonis pedem avulsum sanguineumqꝫ ex auro armatum. Rubeo, cum Chlamide rubra argento duplicata,* Quæ quidem Arma vna cum Crista et singulis eorum partibus, nos prædicti Armorum Reges eidem Johanni Whitgift Archiepiscopo, eius fratribus, et eorum ex Corpore heredibus, vt habeant, gerant, et vtantur, sine cuiuspiam impedimento ratificamus et Confirmamus. In Cuius rei testimonium, nostram subscriptionem, et sigilla subiunximus, Ex Officio nostro Armorum xxij Januarij Anno Regni Serenissimæ Reginæ Elizabethæ Dei gratia, Angliæ ffranciæ, et Hiberniæ Reginæ ffidei Defensoris &c xlmo Salutis 1598.*

GRANT AND CONFIRMATION OF QUARTERLY COAT OF ARMS AND CREST TO RICHARD WHITLOCK, ESQ., BY WILLIAM DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 20TH APRIL, 1592.

[MS. Queen's Coll. 137, No. 17.]

Omnibus Princip[ib]us Nobilibus: Proceribus magnatibus, vniuersis Arch[i]episcopis, Episcopis, Præsulibus ac Sacræ Theologiæ perspicuis: ac Singulis illustrissimis Equestris ordinis Militibus, vel alijs Cuiuscunque s[t]atus gradus, dignitatibus honoris virtutibusque, et præclaris armorum Insignibus ornatis Willelmus Dethick alias Garter Principalis Rex Armorum Angliæ: Salutem benevolentiam gratiam et omne bonum. Quoniam iudicia et sententiæ nostræ, in omnibus Armorum et Stemmatum Causis ad testimonium, nobilitati et Ver-

* A fairly full account, by the late Charles Spencer Perceval, F.S.A., of the various grants to Archbishop Whitgift, including the draft of a grant in June, 1588, by Robert Cooke, the draft of another grant in July, 1588, by Sir William Dethick, Garter, an engraving of his Prerogative seal and autograph, and the arms entered in the pedigree of the archbishop in the Visitation of Essex, 1634, will be found in Surrey Arch. Soc. *Collections* (1864), vol. ii, pp. 195–202, and Harleian Soc. publications, vol. xiii (1878), p. 522.—[Ed.]

tuti, de Antiquitate et rebus gestis, perhibendum necessario requiruntur, ad vos et vniuers[it]atis vestræ notitiam transferri et deduci volumus per presentes: Quod Magister Richardus Whitlock generosus Filius Richardi Whitlock generosi, hinc in exteras regiones perigre profecturus hæc maiorum Insignia, ab antiqua Familiæ suæ prosapia deriuata a nobis accepit Ceterumque vt ad nos humanissimi generocissimi Iuuinis melior fama, Certiorque perveniat, Scutum Armorum eius, presentibus apposuimus quadripartitum duobus Armorum Insignibus illustratum: videlicet: *In primo azureo: intra tignum indentatum tres Falcones de auro ingredientes: Secundum autem, ex Margaratarum Colore: cum Saphiro variatum et labello Carbunculo similime ornatum et vlterius, supra Cassidem in argenteæ et ceruliæ turris variatæ summitate, falconem aureum alis retro extencis, positum, appensis, Paludamentis,* vt in Margine* magis dilucide depictum apparet: His litteris Patentibus propria manu subscripsimus sigillo insuper officij nostri publico necnon secreto armorum Consignauimus. A vobis, idcirco et singulis vestrum Nos Predictus Garterus Principalis Rex Armorum, Anglicorum et omnium aliorum generosorum, vniversæ nobilitatis, honoris et virtutis virtutum, officiciarius [*sic*] obsequentissimus obnixe petimus et rogamus, vt predictum Magistrum Richardum Whitlock omnibus apud vos iuribus Præhemientijs, privelegijs, libertatibus, belli exercicijs, Pacisque ornamentis, quæ vel Armorum legibus debere possunt vel generosorum honori tribui solent, sine vllo vestro impedimento, liberi vti, et vbique permittatis: Datum Londini, Angliæ Metropoli: xx° die Mensis Aprilis, Anno Regni Elizabethæ Dei gratia, Angliæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ Reginæ, Fidei defensor, &c. xxxiiij^to annoque Christi Saluatoris, 1592.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS OF WILLIAM WHITMORE FROM THURSTANTON [THURSTON in Harl. MS. 1115], CO. LANCASTER [but ? CO. CHESTER], BY WILLIAM DETHICK, GARTER, DATED . . . NOV., 1593. [MS. Queen's Coll. 137, No. 33.]

To all nobles and gent. of w^t estate or degree, beareing Armes to whome theis presents shall [come] William Dethick, alias Garter Principall King of Armes, sendeth greetings, in our Lord God euerlasting: Know ye that by the Authority of my Office from the Queens most excellent Ma^tie I am to make declaration, & testimony of all matters and Causes of Armes, Pedegrees and descents of gent: Theis are theirfore to testifie and declare that: William Whitmore, late Cittizen and Marchant of London, sonne of William Whitmore descended of the name and auncient family of Whitmore of Thurnstanton in the County of Lancaster, gent. Which William deceased at London the seauenth of August, 1593, And y^t by his wife Ann the daughter of William Bond Esquire, late Sheriue and Alderman of London, he had yssue three sonnes, and six daughters,

* The late W. H. Rylands, in his Notes to the Visitations of Berkshire (Harleian Soc., vol. lvii, p. 226), gives the arms of Whitlock quartering De la Beche: *qua'rtly* 1 *and* 4 *bl(ue) a chevron indent, betw.* 3 *falcons or;* 2 *and* 3, *vair (a) lab(el) of* 3 (*points*) *sa.;* Crest, *a tower vair, on the summit a falcon perched with wings retro extensis gold.* See also (*ubi supra*) further references to Whitlock and De la Beche.—[Ed.]

as by the words in my office may appeare: And now being required, by William Whitmore, Eldest sonne and heire, of the said William to make declaration of his sheild and Cote of Armes: In Consideration of the premisses, and for y^e^ Encouragement, of his posterity to all vertue, I haue thought good to Confirme blaze and Exemplifie the same As more plainly appeareth depicted on this Margent*: In witnes whereof and for a perpetuall remembrance, I haue herevnto subscribed my name and fastened the seale of my office Endorzed with the Signett of my Armes Giuen at the Office of Armes, London the . . . . . [13^th^ Nov. in Harl. MS. 1115] day of Nouember, 1593.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS TO WILLIAM WICKHAM, BISHOP OF LINCOLN, BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCIEUX, DATED 8TH DEC., 1584. [MS. Ashm. 844, fo. 59*b*.]

To all and singuler aswell nobles and gentils as others to whome &c. Robert Cook Esquire alʒs Clarencieulx King of Armes and principall herald of the East west and south partes of this realme of England sendeth greetinge. Auncyently from the beginning the vertuous actes of worthie p̄sons haue ben cõmended to the world &c. And wheras the reverend father in God Wiłłm Wickham Bisshop of Lincoln sonne of John Wickham of Walden in the Countie of Essex gentleman is lineally descended of the auncyent house of Wickhams of Swaclif within the Countie of Oxford: and yet not myndinge to vse or beare Armes to the offence of any other of his blood or name, hath requyred me the said Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes to assigne vnto him his Armes w^th^ such difference in bearinge as shall best lyk me, and for ever heerafter quyte and discharge him the bearer and all his posteritie from iniuringe or offending of any other of his bloode In consyderation wherof and for a further declaration of the worthines of the said reverend father Willm̃ Bishop of Lincolñ I the said Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes by power and authoritie to me cõmitted by letters patentes vnd^r^ the great Seale of England haue assigned confirmed gyven and graunted vnto the said Reverend father Willm̃ bishop of Lincolñ these his auncyent Armes heerafter followenge: To witte *the feld ermyn on a bordure engreyled gueules viij molettes gold*, as more playnly appeereth depicted in the margine† hereof. Which Armes I the said Clarencieulx King of Armes do by these p̃ntes ratifie confirme gyve and graunt vnto the said reverend father Willm̃ Bishop of Lincolñ and to his posteritie for ever He and they the same to haue hold &c. In witnesse wherof I the sayd Clarencieulx King of Armes haue hervnto subscribed my name and thereto putt the seale of myne office the viij^th^ day of December. Anno 1584 in the xxvij^th^ yere of the reigne of Q. Elizabeth.

* A rough drawing in the margin gives the arms: *Vert, fretty or, on a canton of the second a cinquefoil pierced azure.*

† Tricks in Harl. MS. 1359, fo. 99, and Add. MS. 4966, fo. 20*b*.—[Ed.]

EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS AND CREST OF ROBERT WITHENS OF LONDON, MERCHANT, DECEASED, AND ARMS OF MARGARET HIS WIFE, DAUGHTER OF THOMAS PARKES OF BASSINGHAM, CO. LINCOLN, BY WILLIAM DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 10TH JAN., 1593–4. [MS. Queen's Coll. 137, No. 45.]

To all and Sing[u]ler to whome theis presents shall Come William Dethicke alias Garter Principall King of Armes, his due and humble Commendations and greeting. Knowe y^{t} by the Authority, and and [*sic*] Auncient Custome from the Queens Most excellent Ma^{tie} and her most Noble Progenitors, I am to take generall notice, and to make publique declaration, testimonie and record for all matters and Causes of Armes, Pedegrees and descents of all Nobles and Gentills, through all her Ma^{ties} Kingdomes Dominions Principallities Isles and Prouinces. Wherfore being solicited and enformed of the good report name and Creditt of Robert Wythens of London Marchant sometime elected to be one of the Sheriffs of the same Cittie, sonne of William Withens of the Count Palatine of Chester within the Principallitie of Wales, and being required to make perfect declaration, and Blazon of his sheild of Armes with Crest and Cognizance according to the records and former letters patents therof shewed in my Office: In Consideration of the premisses, and for More ample declaration record and testimony therof by theis presents, doe signifie and declare and by the authoritie of my said Office, doe Confirme blaze and exemplifie this sheild and Cote of Armes, with Helmet Creast and Cognizance for the said Robert Withens Cittizen of London deceased according to the blazon and demonstration therof vsed at his Funeralls lately in London the 22 of October 1593. Together with theis Armes for his wife, Margaret daughter of Thomas Parkes of Bassingham in the County of Lincolne: viz. For the said Robert Withens *gules a Cheueron Contrebattelled Ermin betweene three martletts gould.* And for his Creast, or Cognizance *vpon a helmet with mantells and wreath of his Coulors an ounce proper argent spotted proper and with Ermin sitting in a crowne dukall per pale* [*or*] *and gules with a Coller and Chaine about his neck gould supporting with his right foote* [*a ring of rope or chain azure*, Harl. 1453, fo. 34]. And for the Armes of the said Margaret his wife. *In Feild of Pearle vpon a Fece Diamant three Escalops of the first, a Canton Ermines.* As for either of them more plainly appeareth depicted in this Margent.* To haue and to hould and enioy, the said Armes with healme and Creast, of the Cheueron Contrebattelled with the Martletts, as also the ounce, sitting on a Crowne, with the Coller and Chaine aforesaid and euery part and parcell therof, to the said Robert Withens and to his Children yssue and posterity for euer. As also the said Fece with three Escalops, and a Canton Ermines to the said Margaret for euer. In witnes and perpetuall remembrance and testimonie hereof I haue subscribed my name and fastened the seale of mine office: Endorsed with the signet of mine Armes. Giuen at the Office of Armes, London the tenth day of Ianuary 1539 [*sic* in MS.,

* Coloured arms and crest in margin, where the martlets are argent and the ounce is ermine.—[Ed.]

a mistake for 1593–4—Ed.]: in the 36 yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland Defender of the Faith etc.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO SIR CHRISTOPHER WRAY, KNT., CHIEF JUSTICE, BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED . . . FEB. [13th FEB. in Harl. 1422, fo. 123], 1586.

[MS. Ashm. 834 I, fo. 66*b*.]

Omnibus tam nobilibus quam generosis ad quos hoc præsens scriptum pervenerit, Robertus Cooke armiger aliâs dictus Clarencieulx Principalis Rex Armorum in partibus orientalibus et occidentalibus Angliæ, Salutem in Domino sempiternam. Quum consentaneum et necessarium sit viros omnes siue fortitudine rerumque bellicarum scientia ac experientia præcellentes, siue sapientia, iusticia, causarumque ciuilium administratione et moderamine, pollentes fuerint, iustis nobilitatibus titulis, ac meritis honorum præmijs, ad maiorem virtutum illustrationem condecorari: Inter quæ Armorum insignia tanquam virtutum signa et iudicia, primarium locum temporibus tam antiquis quam novissimis merito vindicarunt et obtinuerunt. Quumque prænobilis Georgius Salopiæ Comes Mariscallus Angliæ mihi præfato Clarencio Regi Armorum præceperit, vt gravissimo ac venerando viro Christophero Wray Ordinis Equestris militi, ac Justiciariorum totius Angliæ præcipuo, Insignia quædam honorabilia virtuti suo pariter ac dignitati competentia assignarem. Sciatis me præfatum Clarencium Armorum Regen dedisse concessisse ac per præsentes confirmasse prædicto Christophero Wray militi hæc Arma siue insignia sequentia, Scutum videlicet *asureum in cuius summitate aurea, tres merolettæ rubeæ conspiciuntur, palliolo rubeo argento duplicato, vna cum Struthiocamelo* [an ostrich—Ed.] *aureo super cassidem tortili auro ac rubro decoratam constituto*, provt in margine planius est depictus. Habendum, tenendum, gaudendum, exercendum et vtendum sibi præfato Christophero et hæredibus suis, in scutis, signis, tunicis, ornamentis, cæterisque rebus ac locis congruis, tam in pace, quam in bello imperpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium huic præsenti scripto sigillum officij mei apposui. Datum die Februarij, Anno regni Dominæ nostræ Elizabethæ Dei gratia Angliæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ Reginæ fidei defensatricis xxix. Anno Domini 1586.

Exemplifications to Leonard Wray of Adwicke le Street, co. York, "fratri suo seniori" of Ch[r] Wray, C.J. Com. Pleas, by William Flower, Norroy, of the same arms, dated 21 May, 1587 (Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 174), and to Thomas Wray of S[t] Nicholas, Richmond, co. York, brother german of Sir Christopher Wray, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, also by Flower, same date (Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 369, MSS. Ashm. 834 I, fo. 67, and 844 I, fo. 177*b*.).—[Ed.]

Appendix.

SOME ADDITIONAL GRANTS OF ARMS, CHIEFLY BY INDIVIDUALS.

GRANT OF ARMS UNDER THE GREAT SEAL TO BERNARD ANGEVIN, ONE OF THE COUNCILLORS OF THE KING [HENRY VI] IN AQUITANIE, DATED 11TH MARCH, 1444–5.

[Rymer's *Foedera*, 2nd Edition (1727), xi, 81.]

Rex Omnibus, ad quos &c., Salutem.
Sciatis quod,

Cum alias, de nostra speciali, per Literas nostras Patentes, Concesserimus, dilecto et fideli nostro, Bernardo Angevin, uni Consiliariorum nostrorum in Ducatu nostro Aquitaniae,* ac Hæredibus suis imperpetuum Castra Terras & Dominia de Roasan, de Puyols, & de Blasimount, in Patria nostra & in Dioecesi in Basadoiz cum Pertinentiis & Dependentiis suis quibuscumque, prout in Literis nostris plenius continetur,

Et sit ita quod in dictis Patria nostra & Dioecesi est talis Consuetudo, quod, Decendente aliquo notabili Domino, post ejus Decessum omnes Filii ejus & Filiae, de corpore suo in legitimo Matrimonio descendentes, omnia Bona Paternalia & Maternalia inter eos per aequales Portiones habent & debent Dividere & Partiri,

Occasione cujus Consuetudinis plura Notabilia Hospitia & alia eorumdem Patriae nostrae & Diocesis, de quibus Progenitores nostri Servitium & Homagium perantea habere solebant, jam ad Destructionem & Ruinam devenerunt, sic quod nulla fit ibi Habitatio, & consimiliter de praedictis Castris Terris & Dominiis evenire posset in futurum, quod, si eveniret, & per nos de Remedio congruo in hac parte provisum non fuerit, cederet in nostri & Successorum nostrorum grave Dampnum & Praejudicium, ut certitudinaliter informamur,

Nos, consideratione Praesmissorum & in Conservationem Castrorum, Terrarum, & Dominiorum praedictorum & praesertim in Recompensationem bonorum & notabilium Servitiorum quae praedictus Bernardus Nobis tam in Guerris nostris quam aliter inpedit, de Gratia nostra specialis denuo Concessimus, pro Nobis, & Successoribus nostris, eidem Bernardo, & Haeredibus suis, ac de ipso causam optinentibus, imperpetuum eadem Castra, Terras & Dominia de Roasan, Puyols, & Blasmont, cum omnibus Pertinentiis & Dependentiis suis praedictis quibuscumque sub tali Nova Provisione, Conditione & Ordinatione,

Quod, dicta Consuetudine sive Usu non obstantè, praedictus Bernardus dicta Castra, Terras, & Dominia, cum Pertinentiis & Dependentiis suis quibus-

* So appointed 26 July, 1436. Rymer's Foedera.—[Ed.]

cumque, Haeredibus suis Masculis, &, in defectu Haeredum Masculorum, Haeredibus suis Foemineis de Corpore suo legitime procreatis, ut sibi placuerit & melius videbitur ordinare, possit Dividere & Partiri, & quod, post mortem ejudem Bernardi, Primi Filii Haeredum suorum praedictorum, qui gradatim Castra, Terras & Dominia praedicta tenebunt & possidebunt, quilibet in Dominio suo, juxta Ordinationem & Dispositionem ejusdem Bernardi, eadem Castra, Terras, & Dominia, absque alia Divisione seu Partitione, possidere & manutenere debeant & possint imperpetuum, ut faciunt alii Nobiles Patriae nostrae de Burdeloys, ad finem quod Castra, Terrae, & Dominia illa semper integra remaneant, ac Nos & Successores nostri Servitia & Homagia, inde debita & consueta, habere valeamus,

Et ulterius, in Incrementum Honoris & Dignitatis, ut debetur in casu tali, praefatum Bernardum, ac Procreatos suos in legitimo Matrimonio, ac de ipso sic Procreandos & Descendentes, Nobilitamus & Ipsos Nobiles Facimus & Creamus, ac, in signum hujusmodi Nobilitatis, ipsis Arma hic depicta, Dedimus & Concessimus, cum Libertatibus, Privilegiis, Immunitatibus, Juribus, & Insigniis, Hominibus, Nobilibus debitis & consuetis.

Quorum quidem Armorum Campus est *de Asura, cum Leone Ungulato et Linguato de Goules, ac cum Decem Floribus per Circuitum, vocatis Angevines, de Argento.*

In cujus &c.

Teste Rege apud Palatium suum Westmonasterii, undecimo Die Martii [1444–5].

Per Breve de Privato Sigillo & de Data praedicta, Auctoritate Parliamenti.

The Signet Warrant for the above is entered on the Gascon Roll (Public Record Office, No. 133), at the foot of which the arms (see illustration) are coloured and blazoned thus: *Quorum quidem armorum campus est de azura cum uno leone de auro ungulato et linguato de goules ac cum decem floribus p circuitum vocatis Angevines de argento.* In support, two angels habited in long robes or, girt and kneeling on *a carpet checky gules and argent.* The crest, on a helmet *on a wreath azure and argent an Angel's head proper, mantled gules doubled ermin.*

The ten angevin flowers appear to be cinquefoils or possibly seeded roses. There is another copy of the warrant in French (Harl. M.S. 1470, fo. 59), with a pen and ink illustration; the text there is very corrupt, the arms however, are the same as in the illustration, but without the checky carpet.

ARMS DEPICTED IN THE SIGNET WARRANT FOR GRANT
TO BERNARD ANGEVIN IN AQUITAINE ON 11TH MARCH 1444-5

(Gascon Roll, P.R.O. No. 133)

GRANT OF HIS ARMS BY ROBERT DE MORLE (IN REVERSION ON THE DEATH OF MONSIEUR BALDWINE DE MANOIRES) TO ROBERT DE CORBY, DATED 6 JAN., 22 EDWARD III (1348–9).

[Camden's *Remains* [1674], p. 286.]

A touz ceux que ceste lettres verront ou orront, Roberte de Morle, Mariscall D'Irlande saluz en dieu. Saches moi avoir donne & grante a mon bon amee Robert de Corby & a ces heires les Armes que me sont descenduz par voie de Heritage apres le deces Monsieur Baldwine de Manoires, cestaseavoir *d'Argent ove une Saltier engraile de Sable*, avoir & emporter entirement les Armes judits au dit Robert de Corby & ses heires a tous jours, sans impechment ou challenge du moi ou de mes heires apres ses heures. Et moy avant-dit Robert de Morley & mes heires au dit Robert de Corby & a ces heires les Armes avant-dites, en quand en nous est, envers touz hommes a toutz joures garranterons. On tesmoignance de quel chose a cestes mes lettres overtees iaimis mon seale, Donne au Chasteau de Risinge, le jour de la Tissanie, le sisme jour de Januare l'an du regne Edward tiers puis le Conq. d'Engleterre 22 & de france neosisme.

GRANT OF HIS ARMS BY SIR THOMAS CLANVOWE, KNT., TO WILLIAM CRIKETOT, DATED IN THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI (12 MAY), 11 HENRY IV (1410).

[Camden's *Remains* [1674], p. 288.]

Sciant praesentes & futuri quod ego Thomas de Clanrowe chivalier, dedi concessi & hac praesenti carta mea Willielmo Criketot consanguineo meo, Arma mea* & jus eadem gerendi quae mihi jure hereditario descendrunt [*sic*]: Habend. & tenend. praedicta Arma mea & jus eadem gerendi praefato Willielmo haeredibus & assignatis suis, absque reclamatione mei vel haeredum meorum imperpetuum. Et ego praedictus Thomas & haeredes mei praedicti, Arma & jus eadem gerendi praefato Willielmo haeredibus & assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium praesenti cartae meae sigillum meum apposui. Dat. apud Hergast, in festo Corporis Christi, Anno regni regis Henrici quarti post conquestum undecimo (1410).

* The arms of Clanrowe or Clambow (40 Edward III) in the quarterings of Poyntz in Harl. MS. 1041, fos. 9*b*, 46, are: *Paly of six or and azure, on a fess gules three mullets argent* (or, according to official record in the Heralds' College) Criketot bore *Lozengy or and sable.*

QUITCLAIM BY WALTER HAYWODE OF STRATFELDSAY, ESQ., TO JOHN FROMOND, HIS HEIRS AND ASSIGNS, OF LANDS AT HAYWODE IN STRATFELDSAY AND BROMLEY, CO. HANTS, AND READING, CO. BERKS. (WITH THE ARMS BORNE FROM THE CONQUEST BY THE TENANTS OF THE FEE OF HAYWODE), DATED 12TH MARCH, 1402–3. [*In Latin.*]

[Additional Charter 24697.]

To all faithful in Christ to whom the present writing shall come, Walter Haywode, of Stratfeld Say greeting in the Lord. Know ye that I have remitted, released & wholly of & for me and my heirs quitclaimed to John Fromond, his heirs and assigns for ever my whole state, right and claim, which I had, have or in any way in future may have of and in all and singular the lands, tenements, rents, reversions and services with their appurtenances, which the aforesaid John has and holds in fee by the gift and grant of me, the said Walter and Thomasine my wife, in Stratfeld Say and Bromle, in county Southampton and Redyng in county Berkshire, likewise and in the arms from the Conquest always borne by the tenants of the fee, lands and tenements of Haywode in Stratfeld Say aforesaid, to have, hold and bear all and singular the abovesaid lands, tenements, rents, reversions and services, with their appurtenances, together with the aforesaid arms, lands and tenements of Haywode belonging, to the aforesaid John Fromond his heirs & assigns well & in peace by right of heritage of and for me & my heirs quietly & absolutely for ever of the chief lords of those fees by the rents and services therefor due and of right accustomed. And I, the aforesaid Walter and my heirs will warrant, acquit & defend all and singular the aforesaid lands, tenements, rents, reversions and services with their appurtenances, together with the aforesaid arms of Haywode, to the aforesaid John Fromond, his heirs and assigns against all men in all future time.

In witness whereof to this present writing, I, the aforesaid Walter have put my seal.

Given on the morrow of St. Gregory the Pope, in the 4th year of the reign of King Henry the Fourth after the Conquest [12 March, 1402–3].

Circular seal, in red wax, nearly one inch in diameter—*a chevron between three fleur-de-lys within a gothic trefoil decorated along the inner edge with small ball flowers.* Legend: ✝ SIGILLUM WALTERI HAYWODE. No trace of a *chief*, etc.; it is set down as a bungle of the lawyer not knowing heraldry (MS. Additions by George Grazebrook, F.S.A., to Burke's *General Armoury*).

The arms are not specifically described in this deed, but a year later there is a Grant or Confirmation (see next deed) of these lands, together with the arms which are therein described thus: "*le chief de azure trois flourdelys dargent oue vn cheueron Dermyn.*" No tincture is given for the field, and it is rather difficult to say what was meant. A short paper by W. de Gray Birch, F.S.A., on these two grants, will be found in the 47th vol. of *The Journal of the British Archæological Association*, p. 323.

CONFIRMATION, BY WALTER HAYWODE, ESQ., TO JOHN FROMOND, ESQ., HIS HEIRS AND ASSIGNS, OF LANDS AT HAYWODE IN STRATFELDSAY, CO. HANTS, WITH THE ARMS WHICH BELONG TO THE LANDS, DATED 12TH MARCH, [*In French.*] 1403–4.

[Additional Charter 36987.]

To all those who shall see or hear these present letters, Walter Haywode, Esquire, of Stratfeld Say, greeting in God. Know ye that I have granted and by this charter confirm to John Fromond, Esquire, and to his heirs and to his assigns, all the lands, tenements, rents, reversions, suits and services of Haywode in Stratfeldsay aforesaid, together with the appurtenances, by the name of the Manor of Haywode, together with the arms following, that is to say: *The Chief azure three fleur de lys argent with a chevron ermine* (*le chief de azure trois flourdelys dargent oue vn cheueroun Dermyn*) which arms belong to the lands & tenements aforesaid: and the which arms I have used and borne until now by reason of right in the said lands and tenements aforesaid. And also know ye that I, the said Walter, have released & by these [presents] quitclaim for me, my heirs and assigns to the said John, his heirs and his assigns, all the right which I have in the lands and tenements, rents, reversions, suits and services of Haywode aforesaid, together with the appurtenances and the arms aforesaid, and likewise in all the lands, tenements, rents, reversions, suits and services, together with the appurtenances, which the said John has and holds in fee of my gift in the vills of Bromle and Redynge or elsewhere in the counties of Southampton and Berkshire: To have and to hold all the lands and tenements, rents, reversions, suits and services aforesaid, together with their appurtenances, by the name of the manor of Haywod aforesaid, together with the arms beforenamed, to the said John, his heirs and his assigns, so that I, the aforesaid Walter, my heirs and my assigns, can in the same have or claim no right, title or claim in times to come, but of all manner of actions in the same are closed & forbarred by these presents for ever. And I, the aforesaid Walter, and my heirs will warrant all the lands, tenements, rents, reversions and services and suits together with their appurtenances aforesaid, by the name of the manor of Haywode, together with all the arms aforesaid to the said John & his heirs & his assigns against all men for ever by these presents.

In testimony whereof I, the aforesaid Walter to these [presents] have put my seal.

Given on the feast of St. Gregory the Pope (12 March, 1403–4), in the fifth year of the reign of King Henry the Fourth since the conquest of England.

[Endorsed:] Stratfeldsay

Bromle & Redyng.

Scriptũ Walt^{9}i Haywod fc̃m Joh̃i Fromond de terr^{9} & teñ ib̃m, sim̃l cũ armis ip̃ius Walt^{9}i &c̃.

Circular seal, in red wax, as in the previous deed. Evidently Thomasine was dead between the two dates, and so is omitted in the confirmation.

CERTIFICATE BY GEORGE MORTON, MAYOR, AND THE ALDERMEN OF BERWICK-UPON-TWEED, THAT GEORGE BULLOCK, LATE MASTER GUNNER OF THE COMPANY OF MASTER GUNNERS OF BERWICK, LEFT BY WILL TO HIS SON-IN-LAW, ROWLAND JOHNSON, GENTLEMAN, OF BERWICK, A SHIELD, ETC., OF ARMS, WON FROM A SCOTTISH GENTLEMAN OF THE HOUSE OF COCKBURNE, 28 YEARS BEFORE, DATED 19TH JULY, 11 ELIZ., 1569. [Brit. Mus. Add. Ch. 19882.]

To all trewe Christian people to whome this pnte writinge shall come. Knowe ye that I George Morton of the Quenes Mãtes towne of Barwick vpon Tweede Gentilman Mayor of the Same towne with the Aldermen there Sende gretinge in ower Lorde God euerlasting. for as moche as yt Behoveth Everie Christian to witnes and concorde in all matters of truthe Beinge therevnto requyred for the Better avoydinge of all sequele dowbtes And thadvancemente of the veritie knowe ye that we the Sayde Mayor and aldermen the day of Makinge hereof have perfytlye Sene and Pervsed the laste will and testamente of George Bullock Late M^{r} gonner over the companye of the Ordynarye gonners of Barwick Aforesayde which beryeth dayte the xiijth daye of June 1568 in the Tenth yere of our Soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth the quenes Majestes reigne that now ys In which will and testamente the Sayde George Bullock doth graunte and frelye gyve unto his Sonne in Lawe this Berer Rowland Johnson of the same towne Gentilman The M^{r} Mayson and Surveyor of the quenes Majestes workes there an armes whiche ys *two speres The one Broken and the other hole with certayne Moorecockes standinge in a shielde which sheilde ys thone halfe blacke and the other half blewe. The helmette Blewe Mantyled white and Black with twoe yellowe tassells lyke golde at the endes.* Whiche armes was wonne by the Sayde George Bullocke xxviij^{ti} yeres sence of a Scottishe gentilman one of the house of Cockburne And nowe the Sayde George Bullocke By that his Sayde Laste will and testemante dothe frelye gyve and Surrender ouer the same Armes vnto his sayde Sonne in Lawe Rowlande Johnson as Beforesayde for to gyve or vse yt in euerye condic̃on as Lardgelye and as amplye as the Sayde George Bullock mighte or owghte to haue gyuen yt in His Lyfe time. In witnes wherof we have herevnto affyxed the Seale of the Mayoraltye of the Sayde towne of Barwyck the xixth daye of Julye. In the xjth yere of the Reigne of owre Soveraigne Ladye Elyzabeth By the grace of God Quene of Englonde Frawunce And Yrelonde defendor of the ffayth etc. 1569.

Circular seal, dark-green, fine, $1\frac{3}{16}$ inch. *Obverse*: In a carved gothic panel, on a mount, *a bear passant, beneath a tree of three branches, between two shields of arms*: *quarterly*, 1, 4, FRANCE (MODERN), 2, 3, ENGLAND. Above, in a small carved niche with ogee-arched canopy, between two carved circular openings, *our Lord seated, lifting up the right hand in benediction, in left hand an orb with long cross.* Fourteenth-century style of work. SIGILLU' : MAIORATUS : VILLA : BERWICI : SUPER : TWEDAM : *Reverse*: A smaller counterseal, $\frac{3}{4}$ in. A monogram or merchant's mark, incorporating the initial letter G. Within a cusped or denticulated bordure.

Rowland Johnson appears to have obtained a grant from Sir Gilbert Dethick dated 20 May, 1569, which I have not found, but Guillim, 6th ed. (1724), at p. 388, has the follow-

ing, taken, he says, from MS. of Grants in Ashm. Num.: *Party per pale sable and azure, on a Saltire between three Castles argent, flaming proper, and in base two spears in Saltire Or, five morecocks of the first.* Confirmed to Rowland Johnson, Surveyor of the Queen's Work, at Berwick, by Sir Gilbert Dethick, Garter, and . . . . . the 20 May, 1569.

Harl. MS. 5887, fo. 44, has a trick of these arms (marked "quaere Johnson") and another trick, but without the party line, will be found in Harl. MS. 1441, fo. 75*b*, with a note: "This creaste was confirmed to Rowland Johnson of Barwick By the Kinges of Armes. dated the xx of May A° Domin. 1569." The crest in question is *a dexter arm embowed in armour firing a pistol, all proper.*—[Ed.]

GRANT OF HIS ARMS BY THOMAS GRENDALE, IN REVERSION ON THE DEATH OF JOHAN BEAUMEYS, TO SIR WILLIAM MOIGNE, KNT., DATED 22ND NOV., 15 RICHARD II (1391).

[Camden's *Remains* (1674), p. 286.]

A tous ceux q'ceste presente lettre verront ou orront Thomas Grendale de Fenton cosyn & heir a Johan Beaumeys iadys de Sautre Salutz en dieu. Come les Armes d'ancestrye du dit Johan apres le iour de son moriant soient par loy & droit d'eritage a moy eschaietz, com a son proschein heir du son linage, Sachetz moy l'avant dit Thomas avoir donne & grantee par y cestes les entiers avant dites Armes one leur appurtenantz a William Moigne Chivaller, quelles Armes Cest assavoir sont *d'argent one une crois d'asure one cinq garbes d'or en le crois*, A avoir et tenir touz les avandites Armes one leur appurtenantz au dit Monsieur William a ces heires & assignes a tous iours. En tesmoignance de quelle chose a cestez presẽtes lettres j'ay mis mon saelx. Donn. a Sautre le vint seconde iour de Novembre l'an du regne le Roy Richard seconde, quinzisme.

GRANT OF HER ARMS BY JOANNA LEE TO RICHARD PESHAL, DATED 14 HENRY VI, 1436 [14 Henry IV, 1412, in Dallaway].

[Camden's *Remains* (1674), p. 287.]

Noverint universi per presentes, me Joannam nuper uxorem Willielmi Lee de Knightley, dominam et rectam haeredem de Knightley, dedisse concessisse & hac praesenti carta mea confirmasse Ricardo Peshale filio Humfridi Peshale scutum Armorum meorum; Habend. & tenend. ac portand. & utenda ubicunque voluerit sibi & haered. suis imperpetuum: Ita quod non ego, nec aliquis alius nomine meo, aliquid jus vel clamium seu calumpniam in praedicto scuto habere potuerimus, sed per praesentes sumus exclusi imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium Sigillum meum apposui, Dat apud Knightley die Mercurii, prox. post festum Paschae, Anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum quarto decimo.

Peshale bore *argent, a cross engrailed flory sable* (Foster's *Feudal Coats of Arms*).

Dallaway, in his *Inquiries*, p. 83, gives this grant as an instance of females who transferred the armorial ensigns which they inherited, by voluntary cession during life, and adds that it is a proof that arms were so annexed to manorial property as to be alienated with it by sale. Another instance of such alienation would seem to be in the grant (p. 224 *infra*) by John de Wellesburgh, the last heir male of his family, who, in 21 Richard II (1397) sold the manor of Wellesburgh and the manor of Drayton near adjoining to Thomas Purefey, and by another deed granted to him his arms. But this may have been because Thomas Purefey married Katherine, daughter and heiress of John de Wellesburgh. Dallaway's statement does not seem to be quite conclusive.—[Ed.]

GRANT OF HIS ARMS BY JOHN DE WELLESBURGH OF CO. LEICESTER TO THOMAS PUREFOY [or PURIFOY], DATED IN THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE (27TH DEC.), 21 RICHARD II [1397].

[Harl. MS. 5812, fo. 3*b*; Add. MS. 6297, fo. 437.]

A toutes ceux a queus ceste lettres verront au ourront, Jehan de Whellesburgh faluz en Dieu. Saches que come Thomas Purefey eit le reversion des manors de Whellesburgh & Fenny Drayton en le counte de Leicester ove les appurtenances, moi le dit Jehan aver done & grant per y cestes a dit Thomas Purefey & ses heires en mesme manor mes armes ove les appurtenances cy entirement come moy ou mes auncestours aronus use et port, A aver & tener les armes ove les appurtenances subditz a dit Thomas Purefey ses heires et assignes come de suis est dit a toutes jours, sans empechement de moye, mes heires, au ascun auter pur nous, & ieo oblige moi & mes heyres a garranter les ditz armes oves les appurtenances a dit Thomas Purfey ses heires & assignes a tout jours. En teste moignaunce de queulx choses a ses lettres ieo a ye mise mon seale d'armes subditz. Cestes Testmoignes Monsieur Jehan de Clinton, Monsieur William de Esteley Chivaliers, Ankatine de Houby, Johan Wicharden aulees [et autres—ED.]. Done a Fenne Drayton subditz en le feast de S^{t} Jake le Apostle an le reigne le Roy Richard le second puis le conquest le vintisme premier.

The arms of Wellesburgh were *or, three piles gules meeting in base, on a canton argent a mullet sable.* Thomas Purifoy, son and heir of Philip Purifoy, of Newham, co. Warwick, *temp.* Edw. III, married Katherine, daughter and heir of John Wellesburgh (*Visitation of Warwickshire,* Harl. Soc., xii, 255).

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO ROBERT WHITGREVE BY HUMFREY, EARL OF STAFFORD, DATED 13TH AUGUST, 20 HENRY VI (1442). [Camden's *Remains* (1674), p. 285.]

Humfrey Count de Staff. & de Perche seigneur de Tunbrigg & de Caux, a tous ceux qui Cestes presentes lettres verront ou orront salutes; Sachez que nous considerans lez merites que deivent estre attribues a toutes personnes issues de bone lieu & excersantez bones meures & vertues eux conduisantes termis d'onneur & gentilese ycelle, a consideration a nous amore d'augmenter en honneur & noblesse noble home Robert Whitgreve, & luy avoir donne & donons per icestes presentes, pour memory d'onneur perpetuell au portre ses armes en signe de Noblesse *un escue de azure a quatre points d'or, quatre Cheverons de Gules*; [*Azure, a cross quarterly pierced or four chevrons gules*—ED.]; & luy de partire as autres persones nobles de son linage en descent avecques les Differences de Descent au dit blazon, & pour de tout armoyer & revestire son dit blazon & en honneur le reparer avons avecque celuy ordeine & attribuz Helme & Timbre cestasscavoyr *le Helme en mantle de bloy, furrey d'ermines, au unne Coronne un demy Antelope d'or,* & pour ceste nostre lettre patente de dit donne verifier, en tesmoigne la nous fait seder du seele de nos properes Armes le xiij iour d'August l'an du reigne le Roy H. sisme puis le conquest vintisme.

A copy of this grant will be found in the *Transactions of the William Salt Society* (1885), vol. v, part 2, p. 309.

DEED POLL OF GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST BY CHARLES SECKFORD OF SECKFORD HALL, CO. SUFFOLK, ESQ., TO HIS KINSMAN, GIBBON SECKFORD, AND HIS HEIRS, DATED 3RD JAN., 1575.

[From original in possession of Pretor W. Chandler, Esq., Master of the Supreme Court.]

To all Christian peopeil of what dignity or degree soever to whome this my instrument and Dede in writing shall or may appertayne. I Charles Seckford of Seckford Hall within the County of Suff. Esquire send greeting in our Lord God everlasting. Know ye that I the said Charles Seckford being the cheife of my Stocke hereby acknowledge manifest and declare Gibbon Seckford sonne and heire of Thomas Seckford late of Idough in Ireland deceased to be my kinsman of blovd because the said Thomas father of Gibbon was lawfull sonne and heire of Thomas Seckford sonne and heire of John Seckford the 2nd and youngest sonne of our Common Ancestor George Seckford Esquire deceased heretofore owner and heire of Seckford Hall aforesaid. Now therefore in respect of our consanguinity and least their collateral lyne and Surname should in processe of tyme be forgotten or concealed from whence they sprung I the said Charles Seckford at the instance and request of some of our neere relatives have thought fitt and by these presents doe graunt authorise and allowe my said well beloved Cousin Gibbon Seckford and Thomas his only sonne and heire commonly called Gibbon and Robert fatherlike cognamed Gibbon grandchild of the said Gibbon Seckford and eldest sonne and heire of my said Kinsman Thomas Seckford of Bethersden within the County of Kent Gentleman To beare shewforth and (att will and pleasure) give my paternall Coate Armor Quartering and Crest in his or their Seale Shield or otherwise with his and their due differences and distinctions as the same were marshalled and borne before them Transplant out of our house and so ought to contynue more and be to him and his posterity for ever And alsoe I the said Charles Seckford out of my naturall affection doe give graunt and confirme and by these presents have given graunted and confirmed unto my said Cousin Gibbon Seckford and the heires males of his body lawfully begotten an Annuity of Twenty Nobles good and lawfull money of England To Have . . . . . [*a word missing in the original* —ED.] the said Annuity of Twenty Nobles unto my said Cousin Gibbon Seckford and his said heirs males payable and to be paid unto him on his lawfull demand at the feast day of Saint John Baptist yearely and every yeare henceforth by me or my heirs for ever if the said Annuity or any part thereof shal be behinde and unpaid the space of forty days next after the said feast; Then it shall be lawfull for him the said Gibbon Seckford and his said heirs males to distrayne upon any of my land Tenement or hereditament within the said County of Suff. for the said Annuity and the arreares thereof due from tyme to tyme for ever. In Testimony whereof I the said Charles Seckford have Sealed this present with my Seale of Arms this third day of January in the seventeenth year of the reigne of our most Gracious Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England France and Ireland Queene Defender of the Faith 1575.

The Deed is endorsed as follows:

Seckford & Seckford — In the Chancery of the said Lady Queen Elizabeth on the 3rd of February and the year aforesaid (sd) Thomas Barnhard.

Sealed delivered and acknowledged by the aforesaid Charles Seckford Esqr in the Chancery of the said Lady the Queen before me Nicholas Bacon Knight lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England on the 23rd day of January and in the year within written

(sd) Nic Bacon.

This Deed Poll seems to be an attempted grant or authority by Charles Seckford to his cousin, Gibbon Seckford, and others, to bear his (the grantor's) paternal coat armour, quartering and crest. No doubt before the incorporation of the College of Heralds (*temp.* Richard III) a coat of arms could be, and often was, assigned by an individual by deed, or bequeathed by will. Some instances are given in this volume or Appendix, but this Deed Poll must be regarded as an attempt by the grantor to do what he had no power to do.

Nevertheless it is an interesting document. At the top of the Deed there is the shield of arms painted in colours of Charles Seckford, which seems to be the Seckford arms with two differences, his own difference (*a label*), and the difference, presumably, of his branch of the family (*a crescent*). Also, a quartered shield, thus:

Quarterly: 1. *Ermine, a fesse gules charged with three scallops or*, for SECKFORD.
2. *Ermine, a fesse between three hunting horns* (?) *vert, stringed or*, for VENOUR.
3. *Checky or and vert*, for HACKFORD.
4. *Paly of six or and gules, a chief ermine*, for JENNY.

CREST: *A cock's head erased per pale gules and vert* (?), *beaked gules, with label and crescent, as above.*

Another coat with a different crest, viz.: *A talbot passant ermine, langued gules, charged with a crescent.*

SEAL: Dark green wax, oval, about 43 × 33 mm., with apparently the quartered arms as above, but the impression of the seal and the colouring of the arms in the shield are somewhat indistinct.—[ED.]

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Report for the Year 1925.

The Council have to report that three Subscribers have joined the Society, of whom two belong to the Register Section, and two Subscribers have died, one of whom belonged to the Register Section.

Part I of a Collection of Miscellaneous Grants, Crests, Confirmations, Augmentations and Exemplifications of Arms, in the MSS. preserved in the British Museum, Ashmolean Library, Queen's College, Oxford, and elsewhere, edited by Willoughby A. Littledale, Esq., M.A., F.S.A., forming the seventy-sixth volume of the Publications, has been issued to the Subscribers for 1925.

Part II of the same collection will form the Volume for 1926.

A volume containing an Index of Persons named in Early Chancery Proceedings, Richard II (1385) to Edward IV (1467), to be edited by Claude A. Walmisley, Esq., will be issued to the Subscribers for 1927.

Part VII of the Marriage Register of St. Mary le bone Middlesex, from 1801 to 1806, edited by the Secretary, forming the fifty-fifth volume of the Register, has been issued to the Subscribers for 1925.

Part VIII of the same Register, containing the Marriages from 1806, to be edited by the Secretary, will be issued to the Subscribers for 1926.

The Balance Sheet for the year, duly audited, is appended to the Report.

By order of the Council,

W. BRUCE BANNERMAN,
Secretary.

The Harleian Society.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1925.

ORDINARY ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Balance to 31st December, 1924	57	15	4
Subscriptions	108	6	9
Dividend, £375 L.M. & S. Railway 4% Preferred Stock	11	14	4
Interest on £100 Deposit Capital Account	1	14	2
Interest on Deposit Income Account	9	2	2
Dividend on £400 £5% War Loan Bonds	16	0	0
	£204	12	9

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Fire Insurance Premium, 1924	2	16	0
do. do. 1925	2	16	0
Volume 74 (1923) Visitation of Kent, 1530-1 and 1574 (A—H), Part I	148	14	0
Clerical Assistance	15	0	0
Commission on Cheques		2	6
Balance	35	4	3
	£204	12	9

REGISTER SECTION.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance to 31st December, 1924	75	4	1	Vol. 53 (1923), St. Mary le bone Register (Part V)	131	17	6
Subscriptions	79	16	0	Transcript of St. Mary le bone Register (Part VI)	20	15	0
Transferred from Deposit Income Account..	100	0	0	Secretary and Treasurer's Incidents	50	0	0
Donation from Rector of St. Mary le bone..	1	0	0	Balance	58	15	10
Interest on Deposit, Capital Account		17	2				
Interest on Deposit, Income Account	4	11	1				
	£261	8	4		£261	8	4

GENERAL BALANCE.

1925.	£	s.	d.	1925.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, Ordinary Section	35	4	3	Dec. 31. By Net Balance in the Bank ..	94	0	1
„ Register „	50	15	10				
	£94	0	1		£94	0	1

Examined and approved,

M. W. KER, *Auditor.*

W. BRUCE BANNERMAN, *Treasurer.*

6th March, 1926.

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